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# Presidential Address

To the 128th Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society,  
Adyar, 26 December 2003

It is with much pleasure that I welcome all of you to this 128th Convention of the Theosophical Society. May our meeting together here, blessed by the beauty and vibrant atmosphere of our International Headquarters, aid us to renew our energy and inspire us for further work in a spirit of self-abnegation and deep dedication to the service of others. I request you to join me in invoking the blessing of our Elder Brethren who were the Inner Founders of the Society and who continue to invigorate and guide it.

**May those who are the embodiments of Love immortal bless with their help and guidance this Society, founded to be a channel for their work. May They inspire it with their Wisdom, strengthen it with their Power, and energize it with their Activity.**

The Society's membership is open to all who believe that the world must be one. Yet there are some who enter into it who remain very strongly conditioned by the age-old habit of the mind to think in terms of divisions. Thus from time to time we hear a group saying, 'We belong to our National Organization in this country which is ours. We do not want interference from Adyar, or a General Council representing other areas of the world with which we have nothing to do.' At a lesser level, in some Lodges, a similar feeling is created by the few who do not have a comprehension of the Society's aims and work, of being separate from the Section to which they belong. The separative mind says 'I and therefore my Lodge or my Association

have interests other than those of the whole Society.' It is unfortunate that there should be any such reactions even in a minority of the members, when the fundamental purpose of the Society has been, and is, to eliminate the alienation caused by national, religious, racial, communal and other identifications, and more specifically identity with an entity named 'I'.

The TS should radiate a unifying influence strong enough to shatter mental prejudices and thus be in the vanguard of spiritual progress. A mind that can embrace all is utterly different from the one which compartmentalizes everything. Our membership should be composed of those who appreciate the absolute importance of universality and not people who adopt a worldly point of view saying:

'I am this and you are that.' The whole of the TS, consisting of members with different backgrounds, is one: we all have the common aim of world transformation, of replacing the spirit of contest by cooperation. When divisive attitudes exist in our midst, it is like a canker.

A mind that is universal regards the whole earth as home and all people, in fact all living beings, as kith and kin, whose welfare cannot be divorced from that of any other creatures. In the absence of that approach, which must be unconditional as a principle, although in practice at times there may be some lapses, there is nothing to distinguish the Society from other associations formed to fulfil lesser purposes. The Theosophical Society's universal approach does not have a merely profane end; it opens the way to the higher levels of realization, where one sees life as an all-pervading essence, which does not lend itself to division.

As one of the Great Ones wrote more than a century ago:

Theosophy... has to find objective expression in an all-embracing code of life thoroughly impregnated with its spirit—the spirit of mutual tolerance, charity and love... Ever turn away your gaze from the imperfections of your neighbour and centre rather your attention upon your own shortcomings in order to correct them and become wiser... Do not indulge in unbrotherly comparisons between the task accomplished by yourself and the work left undone by your neighbour or brother, in the field of Theosophy.

This spirit of mutual tolerance, charity and love is the hallmark of a Theosophist. Tolerance is not a negative or a passive state of mind. It is the clear recognition of an important fact: each individual has a path to tread which is his own and each person acts according to the law of his being. The existence of what are called the seven rays and their innumerable subdivisions points to the wonderful truth that from the centre to the circumference and back again to the centre there are countless roads to take. As Śrī Kṛṣṇa says in the *Bhagavadgītā*, all paths are his. He represents the source and end of all things, and therefore is the centre from which life flows through the universe and returns uniquely enriched.

When tolerance is an insight into the true nature of all living beings, it breaks out of the boundaries which limit it. It first becomes charity, and then flowers into that indescribable, profound awareness of the oneness of life, which is love. Charity, or *dāna*, is said to be the first of the major changes in consciousness requisite for crossing over the sea of ignorance and pain to the other shore. Tolerance is the ending of resistance to the differences that demarcate the unique role and purpose of multitudes of beings. But when we begin genuinely to appreciate the beauty of many-ness — beauty of appearance, action, function, and even a special mode of realization — tolerance reaches the critical point, which is the outgoing energy of love. We need not presume that there is a rigid sequence leading from tolerance to charity, and then

to love. All the three may blend together expressing only the level of intensity prevailing at any point on the path of progress towards the One Truth.

Charity is instantaneous response to the need in another, and to the good in another, whether the other is human or non-human. The response may take the form of inner or outer action. Too often we forget that unselfish thought is a power; and that charity means strengthening the good everywhere by being oneself a centre of sincerely felt warm, fraternal feelings.

When there is a relationship of mutual and real affection in a family, none of its members condemns another one who stumbles. On the other hand, he stretches out a helpful hand. This surely is the kind of bond that must exist between members of the TS in whatever country they are, whatever culture or language they have acquired. Those who feel mistrust and who cling to identification with particular places, properties, ideas and so forth, cannot really claim to be Theosophists or even true members of the Society. As the Elder Brethren referred to above indicated, each one of us must work out for ourselves 'clear, unequivocal conceptions of ethical ideas and duties', which would satisfy most and best the altruistic and right feeling in us. We must seek ways to build up a Universal Brotherhood and bring greater peace and understanding throughout the world. Our relationship with each other within the Society is a test of the Theosophical energy we can put into contacts outside the Society.

Humanity, elevated to the highest degree, will embody what one of the Mahātmā-s called the 'holy feeling' of love, the only immortal feeling which survives the death of the body. It is the destined goal of human living to arrive at this state of universal love, devoid of any personal prejudices and selfish attitudes or impulses. We are told that the greater the progress towards deliverance, crowning the human condition and transcending individual personal feelings (even blood-ties, friendship, patriotism and race predilection) there will be the only true and holy feeling, an immense love for the whole of humanity, unselfish, universal and eternal. Further, that it is the duty of every person who is capable of an unselfish impulse to do whatever he can for humanity's welfare. Learning to love one's family, country or anything else, is only the beginning of learning to love the whole.

When humanity realizes that universal love is its goal and works towards it, then all else will be well. All the creatures in the animal kingdom will find 'great elder brothers' in human beings, and will be treated with love and care. They will become free of their aggressiveness and the worst of animal traits. Many religions have spoken of such a future, as for instance what is stated in the Christian scripture:

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion . . . They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full



of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Eastern tradition relates that in the presence of holy people many dangerous creatures lose their fear and cease to be a threat to others. This is not mere fancy, but a forecast of man's role placed as he is at the top of the evolutionary chain on earth — not a destructive role as it is now, but as a benefactor of all who are weaker physically or in mental capacity.

Human beings could also make of earth a superb garden of paradise, with an immense variety of plant life. Probably you have all heard the story of a neglected plot of land on which a man worked with devotion and which he converted into a lovely garden. A priest who passed daily by this spot remarked when the garden was in full glory: 'How wonderful are the works of God!' But the one who laboured on the land retorted: 'You should have seen it when it was left entirely in God's hands.' It is part of human destiny to aid and accelerate the evolutionary work of Nature; man has been endowed with superb faculties, intelligence, understanding and skills that he may cooperate with Nature and convert earth into heaven.

But we cannot all of a sudden blossom into love and harmony in action. To start with, let us learn to be tolerant, appreciative of each other's unique nature; let us expand our sympathies and learn to think and act charitably towards everyone. By thus purifying our minds and hearts, we will grow into love. At the very foundation of Theosophical work a spirit

of friendship and tolerance, trust and cooperation must be made alive. Wherever there is a Lodge or a group of members, it is essential to inculcate and strengthen the realization that we are a worldwide, closely united body of people, sharing a world view, an ethic, and a way of life which is most conducive to reach our common goal of universal love.

The poet Tennyson, who experienced illumination of the mind from time to time, wrote: 'Utter knowledge is but utter love.' Conversely, utter love is utter knowledge. Through intellectual processes and experimental research, the nature of the universe is being understood up to a point by scientists. But only when the mind breaks its barriers and enters the state of universal love, it comes to know the intricate beauty and truth of life's functions. Modern scientists, delving deep into the material composition and processes of living bodies, find an amazing and incredibly complex machinery at the invisible nano level. Every molecule is a wonder. To quote the words of the distinguished scientist Paul Davies:

Each cell is packed with tiny structures that might have come straight from an engineer's manual. Minuscule tweezers, scissors, pumps, motors, levers, valves, pipes, chains and even vehicles abound. But of course the cell is more than just a bag of gadgets. The various components fit together to form a smoothly functioning whole, like an elaborate factory production line. The miracle of life is not that it is made of nano tools, but

that these tiny diverse parts are integrated in a highly organized way. What is the secret of this astonishing organization? How can stupid atoms do it? Individually, atoms can only jostle their neighbours and bond to them if the circumstances are right. Yet collectively they accomplish ingenious marvels of construction and control, with a fine-tuning and complexity as yet unmatched by any human engineering.

All this appears miraculous, but scientists do not accept miracles. So they are puzzled and, as long as their approach is only intellectual, they may never find out the secret. But the Seer or Sage with boundless love, being one with all life, knows that the One Life penetrates, nay, is the essence of every atom of matter. Hence it is matter itself (*ML* No.10). HPB quoted the celebrated scientist Edison (*CW*, XII.130) long before the age of rapid scientific advancement:

To me it seems that every atom is possessed by a certain amount of primitive

intelligence. Look at the thousand ways in which atoms combine with those of other elements . . . Do you mean to say that they do this without intelligence?

Love teaches its devotees to unveil the mysteries of Nature. As Annie Besant pointed out:

That which can never come by argument, by controversy, by intellectual reasoning, will come when the heart of love within us has awakened the spiritual nature. For love is deeper than intellect, love is greater than intelligence, and the Love nature and the Divine nature are so closely blended that it will not be long ere the man who loves his brother loves God.

The road to Divine Wisdom or Theosophy is the road which leads to unconditional, unbounded love. It begins with tolerance, charity and a host of linked virtues. Let us not fall into the error within the Theosophical Society of remaining compartmentalized by nationalistic, racial or religious sentiments, and cease to be true Theosophists.

## The Work around the World

I can only present to you a brief overall picture of this year's worldwide TS work in the time available. All the same, may it help us to link ourselves in consciousness with all the world, particularly with fellow servers and students

### *European Continent*

A notable event of the year was the

European Federation's Centenary, which was celebrated in July 2003 at the International Theosophical Centre, Naarden. The theme was 'Strengthening the Link', a phrase used by Madame Blavatsky. Both the Vice-President and the Secretary of the International Society graced the occasion, which brought together members from different parts of Europe, Western and Eastern. The talks



given by Dr John Algeo and the Chairman of the Federation, Miss Kim Dieu, have been published in *The Theosophist*.

Our European Federation was an initiative of a hundred years ago to create a sense of oneness among all the peoples of Europe, who were divided not only by different languages and racial backgrounds, but also for political and historical reasons. This feeling of unity has grown steadily since then into the sense of a European community. A model has been fashioned for other bodies like the Association of South-East Asian countries. We sometimes tend to imagine that initiatives taken by Theosophists do not count for much because we are numerically small, but the influence of sustained thought and aspiration cannot be overestimated and the TS has indeed played a role in drawing Europe together. This reinforces my point that Theosophists must maintain the spirit of a world community. If we continue to think of the world as a unity and behave accordingly, even if it takes some centuries, what is at the mental level will develop into a reality out in this physical world, for the outer world is only a reflection of what we are inwardly.

The Finnish Section has been active as usual, having a variety of programmes. The General Secretary, Mr Yrjo Kumila, reports that the work of Lodges is based on studying basic Theosophical literature and creating awareness about putting into daily practice the Theosophical principles. Very many of the Section's members participate in activities that

take place during the summer in Kreivila, the Section's large summer house. These included the annual Convention, a weekend seminar opening the summer season and the summer school on the 'Significance of my TS Membership'. The Finnish Section also fosters the TS work in Estonia, where there are now two Lodges, one in the capital of Tallinn and another in the town of Raahe. Every new member of the TS in Finland receives along with the diploma of membership a copy of HPB's *The Key to Theosophy* and a book on Damodar. The total membership of the Section stands at 490. In Europe as a whole there are about 4,080, excluding the United Kingdom, compared to 5,165 in the United States and 14,195 in India.

The Swedish TS is one of the oldest, having been in existence since 1895. At present only six Lodges there are active. Dr John Algeo was the guest speaker at their summer school. In an attempt to instil more energy into Scandinavia, lectures by Dr Algeo were also organized in Bergen, Norway. Following these, the Organizing Secretary for Norway, Mrs Agnes Gaasemyr, had a series of informative sessions for those who had shown interest. It is proposed to invite other visiting lecturers to the area in order to stimulate the existing members and attract new ones before the TS becomes still weaker in this part of the world.

There has been a slight increase in the number of members in France, hopefully reversing an existing trend of decline. A seminar on the 'Diagram of Meditation',

directed by Miss Kim Dieu, attracted participants from outside Paris. The French Publishing House brought out two new books, including N. Sri Ram's *The Way of Wisdom*, and reprinted some old ones. Last year the work in Belgium was adversely affected by disagreements over the sale of the Headquarters property, but is said to be recovering. Although there are two languages spoken in Belgium, until now hardly any attention was given to disseminating Theosophy in Flemish. Happily, this is being remedied. The General Secretary for Holland, Mrs Wies Kuiper, reports that their national study groups have continued to work on *The Secret Doctrine* and *The Divine Plan*. *The Buddhist Catechism* of Olcott was published in Dutch. A project is afoot to renovate the Headquarters building in Amsterdam and make both the library and the bookshop more accessible to the public.

After many difficulties with an elected General Secretary who refused to acknowledge that the Portuguese Section was part of the international TS, recently a new incumbent was elected, namely Mr L. Correia. The Chairman of the European Federation, Miss Kim Dieu, as part of her continent-wide work, specially went to Portugal to deal with the problems there. As the former General Secretary refused to report to Adyar, the present Vice-General Secretary, Prof. Hannelore Eibner, reported that they celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Lodge Dharma in Porto. Ricardo Lindemann, General Secretary of the Brazilian Section, visited Portugal and

gave several lectures. There were also two seminars, one organized by the European Federation and directed by its Chairman, and another one on basic Theosophy. We look forward to considerable improvement in the work of the TS in Portugal under the new team of officers.

The Italian Section has published the proceedings of the Centenary Congress held last year in Assisi both in Italian and English. The General Secretary, Mr A. Girardi, visited several Lodges. He reports that intensive work has been carried on and seminars and other activities were conducted all over the country. He also comments on the need to work not only with the mind, but with the heart, and says that we should never underestimate the possibility of developing the work through the open, tolerant, yet incisive approach characteristic of Theosophical teaching.

In Germany they had Miss Anderson with them again in their summer school, and found her talks inspiring. She also visited several of their Lodges. Mrs Elisabeth Schmidt, General Secretary, says that several members are individually engaged in service activities. Austria continues to have only three Lodges — in Vienna, Graz and Linz — all of which study Theosophical subjects. Their traditional summer school was not held, because of lack of interest. Slovenia, which used to be part of Yugoslavia, has four Lodges, which hold regular meetings for beginners and the public in addition to study classes. Here too, Miss Anderson is a popular visitor. Their magazine, with

many articles translated from *The Theosophist* and other magazines, is sent to bookshops and public libraries.

The small group of members in Hungary are continuing their study and discussion on Theosophical subjects. Every month a public lecture is being organized attracting 35 to 50 persons. An anthology on *Karma, Reincarnation and Dharma* and another collection on *Death and After* were published. The Presidential Representative for Russia reports that their work goes on steadily, with four small study groups in Moscow and the Lodge in Magnitogorsk. Several of their members were invited to events at the Naarden Centre. From Greece there is a brief report, mentioning that all their six Lodges work regularly and that a systematic promotion of Theosophical ideas is being done through their magazine *Ilisos*. New speakers, some of them young, have been inducted into the work.

Passing on to the Middle East, we note the good work done in Israel, from where we have at this Convention a delegation of members. Annie Besant's *Study in Karma* was published in Hebrew and is selling well. It is of course essential to maintain Theosophical teaching alive in areas of conflict such as the Middle East. All of us need to offer our moral as well as other forms of support to the several valiant little groups loyally working to spread Theosophy in the midst of hard circumstances. Covenant Lodge in Israel has now 78 members.

#### United Kingdom

From England, the General Secretary

Mr Colin Price reports that the year was a very busy one. Regular lectures were given at the London Headquarters. In April there was a special day for unattached members to acquaint them with all aspects of the Section's work. Among the overseas visitors were the International Vice-President and Miss Joy Mills, who was the main speaker at the European School of Theosophy held in Tekels Park on *The Mahatma Letters*. Two other conferences were also organized in Tekels Park. The summer school was held in July with the theme 'Theosophy, the Joyful Wisdom', and was attended by about 90 members. Meetings were advertised in local papers in eighteen towns, a leaflet and poster campaign was made in six places, and lectures were organized in four locations where there are no Lodges. Mr Price remarks that they expect to form new Centres.

There are 142 members in Scotland. They have tried to put behind their various problems and proceed to constructive work, as reported by Mr Martin Lowe, Organizing Secretary. In Wales they are doing their best to promote the TS through wider publicity. The members are said to be deeply committed to the Order of Service. Mrs Ada James, a long-time member of the TS in Wales, passed away. In Northern Ireland weekly meetings are held, lasting even three hours. In the Republic of Ireland there are encouraging signs. A new Lodge has been chartered in Limerick and a study group is likely to be officially certified in Cork. A members' bulletin and a quarterly magazine are being published.

### *New Zealand and Australia*

Mr John Vorstermans, General Secretary of the New Zealand Section, reports a gain of 60 members after some years of decline. A new Lodge was chartered at Oamaru in the South Island and two new Study Groups were formed. A School of Theosophy was held last February with Dr Ravi Ravindra leading studies on the similarity of spiritual traditions in the East and West. He also lectured around the country, as did Diana Dunningham Chapotin, a native of New Zealand. A training session for workers using modern techniques was organized and some high-quality videos were produced.

Among the initiatives taken in the Australian Section was the formulation of 'Guidelines for Conduct' in consultation with the Lodges and other groups. A policies review covering a wide range of areas was also commenced at the National Headquarters in Sydney. A union index covering about 100 Theosophical periodicals which is of great value to students all over the world is updated four times a year. The number of members at present is around 1,300, out of which 148 are directly attached to the Headquarters. The General Secretary, Mrs Linda Oliveira, visited many Lodges and so did Mr Pedro Oliveira, Educational Coordinator. Three study papers have so far been sent out in booklet form to the members. Miss Joy Mills and Miss Mary Anderson were the directors respectively of a retreat and the School of Theosophy held in the Springbrook Centre with the themes

'Entering the Heart of Theosophy' and 'The Fundamentals of Theosophy'. Both of them toured the country. A booklet by Dr John Algeo on *The Essentials of Theosophy* was printed. A new meeting hall was constructed and put into use at the Springbrook Centre.

### *Asia*

In South-East Asia, the largest and most active Lodge is in Singapore, which holds study classes and basic Theosophy courses. An interesting newsletter and lively interchanges make the Lodge dynamic. It has now 264 members. In Malaysia, the Selangor Lodge became more active with a few new members, a ten-week course on basic Theosophy and other activities. Communication with the Lodges in Bangladesh does not seem to be easy. From time to time we hear enough to know that they continue to be in existence.

In the Philippines, the National Council approved a ten-year vision plan. In cooperation with the TS in America, a CD-ROM was produced containing Theosophical classics such as *The Secret Doctrine*, *Isis Unveiled*, and other HPB works. This is also a most valuable tool for students. The Philippines Publishing House brought out two books, one containing easy vegetarian recipes and another entitled *The Process of Self-Transformation* by Mr Vicente Haó Chin. Very many lectures were conducted throughout the country for non-members.

A Charter is being issued to form a new Lodge called Izumo in Japan. Efforts are being made to revive Nagoya Lodge. A



Japanese translation of my book *No Other Path to Go* was brought out. Mr Jeff Clark, who has been the live wire there for many years, reports 'altogether it has been a fruitful year'.

At the commemoration of Annie Besant's birthday in Jakarta in 2002, fifteen new members were admitted to the Indonesian Section. Subsequently, a new Lodge named Luxor was inaugurated on 17 November, with Mr Matius Ali as its President. Another encouraging feature is the re-appearance of the national Magazine *Theosophi*, which also has Matius Ali as Editor. The second issue of this periodical came out in September with a fresh look and additional pages. Mrs Ali Ritsema was their overseas guest at the Annual Convention held in Surakarta in May when three Lodges celebrated their centennial, namely those of Surabaya, Yogya and Bogor. This was followed by a seminar on 'Blavatsky and the New Age', with about 60 participants, where papers were presented by Mrs Ritsema and others, and discussions explored the theme. A Young Theosophists seminar was also held in East Java on 'Esoteric Christianity'. The Sri Lankan Section is still quite weak. Lectures are held once a month at the Colombo Headquarters and some plans are being made to activate existing Lodges which are either dormant or minimally active. The Section has a very fine library.

Once again there was an increase in the number of members in India — the total number now being 14,195, distributed over more than 400 Lodges

and Study Centres. The Officiating General Secretary, Mr S. Sundaram, who took over after the resignation of his predecessor, rightly says that if we are determined to make Theosophy a living force in our lives it will have an exponential effect. For this we must be strong in ourselves, for the strength of the work depends on the inner strength of the members. He asks the members to consider whether it is possible to make a powerful and meaningful change in the whole psyche, thought processes and actions, so that there is harmony between thought and action, theory and practice. Let failures not disturb us, he advises, for all missions gain strength when weathered by storms.

A series of functions take place throughout the year at the Varanasi Headquarters of the Indian Section, including public meetings, workshops, lectures and so forth. The traditional North Indian Study Camp was directed by me in October on the basis of Annie Besant's lectures on *The Wisdom of the Upanishads*. Besides this there was a study camp at Adyar during Easter on 'Mortal Bodies and the Immortal Self', with good participation. A week-long study conducted by Dr Kannan at the Headquarters on 'Practical Regenerative Brotherhood' resulted in the publication of a booklet with selected quotations from the Masters' Letters. It is not possible to mention all the different events, camps, and study programmes of the year for lack of time; however mention may be made of a two-day teachers' training workshop

which took place at the Section Headquarters, organized jointly by it and the Centre for Science and Environment, New Delhi. The National Lecturers visited many Lodges. The Section proposes to sell books online through its website. Among its publications were a Study Course in three parts and Mr S. S. Varma's book on *Yogic Practice: Yama and Niyama* in Hindi. There were also publications in other languages, particularly in Assamese, including *The Key to Theosophy*, *Human Regeneration*, *The Doctrine of the Heart* and *The Beauties of Islam*.

Outlining the tasks ahead, Mr Sundaram stresses the need to relate prevailing problems to the Theosophical teachings, and to convince people that we should not be passive ourselves, but seriously concerned with the great issues of life.

As I mentioned last year, in Pakistan work is almost entirely confined to the city of Karachi, where monthly lectures in a hotel draw the attention of the public to the TS. Study classes are held throughout the year, and the reading room is open every day of the week. A bi-monthly bulletin is published containing Theosophical and inspirational material.

### *Latin America*

Several of the reports from Latin America mention that economic conditions have made their work harder. The Inter-American Federation met in October 2002 in Mexico to elect new

officers and make plans for strengthening and developing the work. The President of the Federation, Mrs Terezinha Franca Kind, accompanied by the Vice-President of the Federation, Mrs Magaly Polanco, lectured in ten countries, as a result of which some study groups were formed and a few members joined the Society. The former General Secretary of the Mexican Section, Mr Isaac Jauli, also lectured and conducted seminars in five countries. The lecturers paid their own way, which is a testimony to their commitment and devotion. Prof P. Krishna was guest speaker in the Brazilian Section and spoke about 'Education for the Third Millennium', which was very much appreciated. There was a decrease in the number of members, which now stands at 801, but dissemination through television channels has increased. They are now using 26 channels in 24 cities, and it is estimated that about 50,000 people view these television programmes.

All Lodges in Cuba meet weekly. A five-months long weekly course in Theosophy is provided, members' meetings also take place, and both are well attended. *The Secret Doctrine* is one of the subjects of study. The keynote of the annual Convention was 'Yoga and the Search for Truth'. Sophia Lodge, in Cienfuegos, the second Lodge to be founded in Cuba, celebrated its centenary in October 2002. Young members in Argentina are active and cooperate in all the activities of the Section. At the San Rafael Centre there were many activities.



Uruguay has a small membership of 52, but it has remained steady. All the work is centred in the capital city, Montevideo. A workshop on 'How to Live Calmly' took place in October 2002 and attracted a good many participants. In December, the members had a traditional dinner gathering. The five Lodges work each in its own way. One of them studies *The Secret Doctrine*. The library is well used and provides opportunities for exchanging Theosophical ideas.

In Chile work goes on with some difficulty. The President of the Inter-American Federation visited the Lodges and spoke on self-transformation. The Order of Service is active. The Lodges in Bolivia have regular combined meetings. At the end of July they met for a seminar conducted by Mr Isaac Jauli on the Proem of *The Secret Doctrine*. The Lodges have study sessions every week and public lectures are also organized. The small number of members in Paraguay are attached to Bolivia for the time being. Fraternity Lodge, which was originally chartered in 1925 but had become dormant, was revived. A new Lodge named Verdad has been chartered in Peru. A small number of members are carrying on the work steadily.

In Mexico City, both in autumn and spring there were study courses as well as weekly lectures. We have received no information about Lodge activities in the reports from Mexico or Puerto Rico, and in the latter no mention has been made of any Theosophical work except the revision of their Rules.

Almost all the Lodges in Colombia are said to be working earnestly. Stress is laid on members being conscious of their personal dharma. The Lodges in Venezuela are linked with the Colombian Section. In Bogota, courses on Theosophy, Raja Yoga, meditation, and constructive human relations were given by the General Secretary, Dr A. Martinez, Mr Gabriel Burgos and others. Various Theosophical books were studied and public lectures take place on almost all Sundays. A Young Theosophists group organizes theatrical programmes with Theosophical content. Music concerts were also a feature. The library has been enriched by gifts from the TPH at Adyar.

The Presidential Representative in Costa Rica reports that a meditation for peace takes place every Sunday and there is greater cooperation among members and Lodges than before. Instead of each Lodge organizing separate courses, they have started working jointly. Public lectures and study for members go on regularly. They are also trying to discover the balance between knowledge and administration, study and practice. A magazine they have been producing since last year is called *Upasika*.

The TS in Central America consists of a few members in three countries, namely El Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua, having not yet recovered from the devastation caused by political and social turmoils. Members have been studying Theosophical works and it is hoped that beginning with the visits of

Mrs Kind and Mrs Polanco on behalf of the Inter-American Federation, the TS will develop in this region.

#### *USA and Canada*

The National President of the TS in America, Mrs Betty Bland, reports that they are attempting to look at their operations—financial, publishing, and so on—with new eyes. A problem they face is how best to serve when less than one third of their total membership belongs to local groups. How can a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of humanity be established with members who never meet each other? The Fieldwork Department of the Section coordinated numerous lectures and workshops for local groups and, among other things, the Information Department provided ideas as to how members can become involved in the work. An E-learning course for members and non-members is also made available by the National Headquarters. Study papers are sent to 230 members through Internet. Their work includes producing new audio-video programmes, bringing out Quest publications and *The Quest* magazine, making the library more effective and so forth.

The number of members in Canada at present is 178. New members have been gained through the website, but it is not certain how long such members will stay in the Society. There are five Lodges and three Study Centres scattered over a huge country. In August I met the members in Toronto, Vancouver and Victoria, and gave talks for the public and members.

#### *Africa*

The General Secretary of the East African Section, Mr G. Sampat, reports that the Study Centre in Kampala, Uganda, has been growing under the fostering care of Brother V.M. Shah. The members in Tanzania (about 115) are almost all in Dar es Salaam. In Zambia the strongest Lodge is in Mufulira, and members from this Lodge are doing their best to help other Lodges. The total number of members in spite of the emigration of many Indians is 456. The National Lecturer, Mr R. Thuku, has been travelling widely and lecturing in different countries. Nairobi Lodge in Kenya is always very active, addressing both English and Gujarati-speaking persons.

The West African Section hopes to have its building in Accra completed by 2005 when their Blavatsky Lodge will celebrate its 70th anniversary. They hope to have overseas visitors on that occasion to give a boost to the work. The Headquarters office, library and bookshop are open every day. The largest numbers of members in West Africa are in Ghana and Nigeria, and there is only a small Theosophical presence in Cameroon and Liberia, where conditions are still very difficult. A School of the Wisdom was conducted in Accra by Bishop Isaac K. Zaney on 'The Ancient Mysteries and the Goal of Spiritual Aspiration' and the Annual Convention centred around strengthening the work in West Africa. The General Secretary, Mr P.B. Kwakyi, remarks that the public perception of Theosophy and the TS is

good and encouraging.

The Organizing Secretary in French-speaking Togo says that the John Coats Lodge rose again from its ashes and has three older members and nine students studying *In the Outer Court*. The other Lodge is Amour, and is also studying the same book, as well as *At the Feet of the Master*. It has become harder to maintain the TS centre in Togo because of economic conditions. We have received desperate appeals for financial assistance from the Organizing Secretary of the Ivory Coast. The turmoil in the country has apparently disrupted the TS work there and made conditions very difficult.

Mr T. Davis, General Secretary for Southern Africa, along with his wife Ann, visited Durban, Johannesburg and Capetown, where the Lodges are doing well, but the Harare Lodge in Zimbabwe suffered a loss through the death of Lynn Morgan, who was the pillar of the Society there, and only a few members are left, who meet informally.

#### *Adyar*

Three officers of the Society have been travelling, lecturing, and attending to Theosophical work in many places. The Vice-President, Dr John Algeo, began the new year with talks as guest lecturer at the New Zealand Convention at Oamaru, and then spoke at some other places in the country. He was at the Theosophical History Convention organized at the English Headquarters in June, after which he spoke to members and the public in

Norway and Sweden, and subsequently in Limerick and Dublin in Ireland. He was the guest of honour at the European Federation Centennial at Naarden, Holland, and conducted with much success the School of the Wisdom at Adyar, besides giving other lectures here. In the United States he is in demand at his own Lodge in Atlanta, conducted a seminar at the Krotona School, and lectured at the American Summer School in Wheaton. He has been engaged in the important work of preparing for publication the letters of HPB, the first volume of which has just been released. Dr Algeo has also been handling questions related to Section Rules and various other matters.

Miss Mary Anderson, International Secretary, visited eight cities in Australia during March/April and conducted classes for the Australian School of Theosophy, and also seminars. She also visited five countries during a Theosophical tour of Europe from May to August. She is a regular visitor to Israel, where she directed a weekend seminar at a holiday village called 'Oasis of Peace', run in cooperation by Jewish and Arab families. She was the guest speaker at the Kerala, Marathi and Karnataka Federation Conferences in India.

My overseas programme for the year consisted of a fortnight's visit to the American Section Headquarters, for its Convention and Summer School, followed by visits to some Lodges in Canada. I also gave a course on the *Bhagavadgītā* in the Krotona School. On

the way back, I had the pleasure of meeting Japanese members and speaking in Tokyo and Kyoto, and later of addressing the Lodge in Singapore. In January/February I travelled from Gujarat in the West to Assam in the East of India. I also stayed at the Indian Section Headquarters in October for a study camp, and during this time various matters were discussed with the chief workers of the Section. Afterwards I was in Mumbai for its Federation Conference and also for other work.

Adyar, our International Headquarters, was established by the Founders in 1882, since which time it has been steadily financed, supported and looked up to by generations of members from all over the world. It has been a source of inspiration, not only to very many members, but even to visitors and people who have heard about it from a distance. It is more than an administrative headquarters, being rather like a central dynamo, constantly charging the worldwide work.

The year saw the passing of a committed worker and member of the international Executive Committee at Adyar, Mr R.M. Tolani, who rendered valuable service for nearly a quarter of a century. Another major change in the staff resulted from the medical condition of Dr Kunjunni Raja, who took over as Director of the Adyar Library and Research Centre in 1980, but who had been intimately connected with the Library even from his student days. Dr S. Shankaranarayanan, an erudite scholar who was formerly Director of

the Oriental Institute in Tirupati, was appointed in his place as Director of the Library in June 2003. A more recent major change was the appointment of Mr S. Ramu in December 2003 as Manager of the TPH in the place of Mr D.K. Govindaraj, who plans to move to the United States after rendering invaluable service here as International Treasurer and in other capacities for many years.

The theme for the School of the Wisdom session held from 6 January to 13 February was 'The Spiritual Quest in the East and West'. It was directed by Dr Ravi Ravindra, and about 35 students from ten countries attended and profited from his stimulating talks and discussions. A seminar on 'Living and Dying', jointly presented by Professor P. Krishna and myself in October, attracted fifty members and non-members, some of whom joined the TS. In November/December Dr John Algeo presented a four-week course on *At the Feet of the Master*. About 35 students from 14 countries attended, and found the classes inspiring.

The Adyar Library work has been going on steadily, despite the interruption caused by the ill health of the former Director. A number of important publications have been reprinted and the Library Bulletin, *Brahmavidyā*, was duly brought out, although late. Still on the anvil are the introduction to the *Chāndogya Upanishad* by Dr S. Shankaranarayanan, and the *Descriptive Catalogue of Manuscripts on Astronomy and Mathematics* by Dr K.V.Sarma.



A second edition of Varāhamihira's *Horāśāstra* with a new commentary is being prepared by Professor K. V. Seshadrinatha Sastri. Efforts are being made to speed up the computerization of the Library. All the usual work of acquisition, cataloguing, rendering service to scholars and students, conservation and preservation are going on. The standard of work in the Library continues to be high, earning world-wide appreciation.

The Publishing House is growing steadily as a result of many initiatives taken in the past years. There was an increase in the sale of both TPH and Adyar Library publications during the year, and this trend is likely to be maintained. In addition to appointing agents for distributing its books, and taking part in many book exhibitions, TPH is currently exploring the possibility of reprinting a few titles with Penguin on an experimental basis. This arrangement is expected to enhance the reach of our books, as Penguin has a large distribution network. The Theosophical teaching will be disseminated far more widely if all our Lodges and members actively promote our publications and magazines, for which necessary support will be extended by TPH.

During the year 23 titles have been reprinted, including voluminous works such as *The Secret Doctrine* and *Occult Chemistry*. New titles brought out were *The Nature of Nature* by Prof. Klaus K. Klostermaier, and *The Art of Meditation* by Marie Poutz in the

Adyar Pamphlets new series. The number of magazine subscribers is increasing gradually, especially among non-members. *The Theosophist* is now available on our website.

Under the Book Gift scheme, copies of all our publications have been gifted to 'A' and 'B' class public libraries in India and also to various Lodges in Latin America, Africa and Asia. Suggestions recommending deserving institutions where the public will have access to our books will be considered for making further gifts. The sale of gift coupons has been introduced in our bookshop and the members can avail themselves of this opportunity for making gifts to friends and relatives.

The upkeep, restoration and preservation of documents in the Archives, which have been pending for several years now, require urgent attention. This could however not be provided because of shortage of staff. Difficulties have been increased owing to several changes in the Officer-in-Charge due to unavoidable circumstances. Following the usual practice, an exhibition was arranged for the delegates to the International Convention. A number of enquiries about the history of the Theosophical Society were answered.

The educational and service activities being carried on at Adyar under the Olcott Education Society are, on the whole, doing well. The Olcott Memorial School is recognized as an excellent institution for the underprivileged. Children are receiving computer training

and being prepared for the modern world. It is a constant aim to help them retain values. The HPB Hostel accommodated about 30 boys throughout the year, most of them studying in the Olcott School.

In the Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary an operating theatre was put into service in July and has been functioning satisfactorily. It is not only used to treat injured animals requiring surgery, but caters to the need for animal birth control.

During the year the Board of the OES decided to merge the Vocational Training Centre for women with the Social Welfare Centre, as both of them have been functioning in the same place and are closely interrelated. About 100 small children, their mothers and other women benefit from the Centre's services.

As in previous years the Besant Scout Camping Centre, which has been functioning for decades in the sylvan surroundings of Olcott Gardens, provided camping facilities for about 25 institutions and 3,000 boys and girls.

The TOS has been expanding its activities over the world under the able

leadership of Mrs Diana Dunningham Chapotin. Its units have undertaken a variety of philanthropic activities among which the following are reported to be unusual: In Brazil they got the Fire Brigade to instruct members on combating forest fires. In Rio de Janeiro the TOS prepared twenty sets of baby supplies with hand-made nappies, blankets and other items. They also tried to promote tolerance and worked against children being compelled to study only Christianity in schools. The Order is active in about a dozen countries. *The Service Link*, which is the international TOS magazine, needs to be supported by members all over the world.

In concluding, I offer my most grateful thanks to all the dedicated colleagues in many countries serving the cause, and those at Adyar who unstintingly help to preserve the beauty, sanctity and power of 'The Masters' Home', and make my responsibility not a labour, but a joy. ✧

Radha Burnier





# THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2003

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2003	
Particulars	£
Income	
Subscriptions	12,707,405
Grants	1,603,170
Other income	452,608
Total income	14,763,183
Expenditure	
Salaries and wages	5,219,125
Grants	1,603,170
Other expenditure	452,608
Total expenditure	7,274,903
Surplus	7,488,280
Carried forward	7,488,280
Total	14,763,183

## TREASURER'S REPORT 2002 - 2003

The salient features of the Income and Expenditure Account of the Society for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2003 are as under:

### 1. Income:

The Income for the year was Rs.9,662,678/- and the details are as follows:

	Year ended 31.03.2002 Rs.	Year ended 31.03.2003 Rs.
Interest	12,303,405	13,461,961
Fees and Dues	1,683,130	1,598,180
Surplus from the Theosophical Publishing House	493,603	751,712
Surplus from <i>The Theosophist</i> and <i>Adyar Newsletter</i>	---	77,272
Surplus from Vasanta Press	---	102,044
General Donations	152,149	341,447
Licence Fees	140,000	110,000
Miscellaneous Receipts	376,282	106,865
	<u>15,148,569</u>	<u>16,549,481</u>
Less: Interest transferred to earmarked funds	<u>5,499,105</u>	<u>6,886,803</u>
	<u>9,649,464</u>	<u>9,662,678</u>

Net interest income for the year is Rs.6,575,158/- after transferring a sum of Rs.6,886,803/- to earmarked funds. The lower interest rate trend will affect the future income of the Society; therefore there is need to maintain constant watch over increasing overheads. The surplus from Vasanta Press is due to scrap sales during the year. The sales of the Theosophical Publishing House have increased from Rs.3,719,537/- in the previous year to Rs.4,195,627/- in the current year.

### 2. Expenditure:

The net expenditure of the Society for the year is Rs.16,271,527/-, an increase of Rs.2,250,901/- over the previous year and the break-up is as follows:

	Year ended 31.03.2002 Rs.	Year ended 31.03.2003 Rs.
Departments	5,347,140	6,042,970
Charitable Work	2,935,040	4,503,174
Propagation of Theosophy	1,820,553	1,774,982
International Offices	606,712	541,892
Establishment	1,837,177	1,846,668
Other Expenses	1,474,004	1,561,841
	<u>14,020,626</u>	<u>16,271,527</u>

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### (a) Departments:

The net expenditure of the departments for the year is Rs.6,042,970/- compared to Rs.5,347,140/- in the previous year, an increase of Rs.695,830/-. The broad details are as follows:-

Departments	Year ended 31.03.2002 Rs.	Year ended 31.03.2003 Rs.	Increase/ Decrease Rs.
Bhojanasala and Leadbeater Chambers	240,078	-10,167	250,245
Garden	979,164	1,077,118	-97,954
Maintenance	4,127,898	4,976,019	-848,121
	<u>5,347,140</u>	<u>6,042,970</u>	<u>-695,830</u>

Bhojanasala and Leadbeater Chambers show a marginal surplus of Rs.10,167/- as compared to a deficit of Rs.240,078/- in the previous year. In respect of boarding, both income and expenditure have increased over the previous year. In respect of lodging, income has increased compared to the previous year, whereas the expenditure has remained more or less the same. During the year the deficit in the garden has gone up from Rs.979,164/- to Rs.1,077,118/-, an increase of Rs.97,954/- over the previous year.

In respect of the Maintenance Department the deficit has gone up from Rs.4,127,898/- to Rs.4,976,019/- and the following are the major expenses:-

	Year ended 31.03.2002 Rs.	Year ended 31.03.2003 Rs.
Electricity Charges	1,337,527	1,609,895
Water Supply Installations	460,259	453,143
Telephones	51,493	302,272
Electrical Installation Maintenance	198,310	263,812
Repairs and Maintenance of Buildings	2,144,467	2,708,652
Other Maintenance Costs including Depreciation	642,907	800,591
Office Salaries and Other Expenses	541,120	512,652
	<u>5,376,083</u>	<u>6,651,017</u>
Less: Recovery including Sale of Scrap	1,248,185	1,674,998
<b>Net Deficit</b>	<u>4,127,898</u>	<u>4,976,019</u>

As usual, the repairs and maintenance of buildings constitute a significant part of the overall expenses of the Maintenance Department besides other expenses such as electricity charges, maintenance of water supply, electrical installations and office costs.

### (b) Charitable Work:

The amount spent on Charitable Work for the year was Rs.4,503,174/-, an increase of Rs.1,568,134/- over the previous year. Expenses are incurred mainly on education, animal welfare, medical aid and other charitable work through the Theosophical Order of Service.

### (c) Propagation of Theosophy:

The expenditure on Propagation of Theosophy for the year was as follows:

		Year ended 31.03.2002	Year ended 31.03.2003
		Rs.	Rs.
Adyar Library and Research Centre	(Net)	571,557	479,720
Vasanta Press	"	111,334	---
Archives and Museum	"	144,134	126,952
School of the Wisdom	(Gross)	66,843	117,866
Book Gift	"	369,644	466,938
Convention and Seminar	"	497,526	547,293
Others	"	59,515	36,213
		<u>1,820,553</u>	<u>1,774,982</u>

But for scrap sales, there would have been a deficit in Vasanta Press. In the case of Adyar Library net deficit has come down to Rs.479,720/- compared to Rs.571,557/- in the previous year. The deficit in the Library is lower due to surplus in the publication account. An amount of Rs.466,938/- was utilized for Book Gifts as compared to Rs.369,644/- in the previous year.

### (d) Other Costs:

Total cost of Establishment and International Offices was Rs.2,388,560/-, as against Rs.2,443,889/- in the previous year.

## 3. Net Deficit

Overall expenditure exceeded income by Rs.154,079/- as compared to a surplus of Rs.42,755/- for the previous year. This is mainly due to increased expenditure on maintenance of buildings.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### 4. Capital Expenditure:

The total amount spent on Capital account was Rs.1,438,609/- and relates to the new lift at Leadbeater Chambers, the new overhead water tank, additions to buildings, furniture and computers.

### 5. Overall Position:

The overall financial position of the Society continues to be satisfactory. During the year the Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund rose from Rs.41,577,659/- to Rs.42,135,578/- and Other Funds from Rs.81,921,796/- to Rs.86,261,324/-.

### 6. Acknowledgement:

On behalf of the Society, I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for the continuous support of the members throughout the world.

Chennai  
1 November 2003

**K.S.DASTUR**  
Honorary Treasurer



## FEES AND DUES RECEIVED

From 1st April 2002 to 31st March 2003 (in Rupees)

	Name of Section etc.	2001-2002	2002-2003
The Theosophical Society in:	Africa, East and Central	---	---
	Africa, South	1900	---
	Africa, West	---	---
	America, Central	---	916
	Argentina	182318	---
	Asia, South-East	6512	13348
	Australia	83293	85932
	Austria	6361	7333
	Belgium	28048	36645
	Bolivia	31128	21503
	Brazil	241391	189303
	Canada	16637	---
	Chile	21517	---
	Columbia	---	---
	Costa Rica	2245	2159
	Cuba	---	---
	Denmark	7399	18785
	England	---	---
	Finland	54845	71886
	France	---	37320
	Germany	40301	41316
	Greece	---	---
	Hungary	4597	---
	Iceland	15438	---
	India	28355	59298
	Indonesia	---	---
	Ireland, Northern	1090	845
	Ireland, Republic of	1110	---
	Italy	59544	65574
	Ivory Coast	---	---
	Mexico	23375	14010

# TREASURER'S REPORT

	Name of Section etc.	2001-2002	2002-2003
The Theosophical Society in:	Netherlands	77301	451
	New Zealand	12515	18226
	Norway	3738	---
	Pakistan	---	---
	Peru	20741	16494
	Philippines, The	---	---
	Portugal	8390	14508
	Puerto Rico	---	55351
	Russia	---	9902
	Scotland	---	46520
	Slovenia	4631	10697
	Spain	35312	40106
	Sri Lanka	---	---
	Sweden	41202	23464
	Switzerland	76519	21152
	Togo	---	---
	USA	486977	582986
	Uruguay	20693	9580
	Venezuela	---	---
	Wales	1669	1877
	Lodges attached to Adyar:	---	---
	Israel	---	22607
	Japan	9102	3579
	Korea	475	---
	Fellows-at-large	26462	54506
		<u>1,683,131</u>	<u>1,598,179</u>

# THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2003

As at 31-3-2002	LIABILITIES	Schedule No.	As at 31-3-2003	
Rs.			Rs.	Rs.
	<b>General Fund:</b>			
29,633,892	Balance as per last Balance Sheet		31,079,915	
---	Less: Deficit for the year		31,079,875	
			154,079	
1,403,325	Add: Excess provision for earlier years no longer required		---	
42,755	Add: Surplus for the Year		---	
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31,079,972				30,925,896
41,577,659	<b>Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund</b>			42,135,578
81,921,796	<b>Other Funds</b>	5		86,261,324
3,666,404	<b>Current Liabilities and Provisions</b>	6		3,583,272
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158,245,831				162,906,070

Chennai  
10 October 2003

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2003

As at 31-3-2002	ASSETS	Schedule No.	As at 31-3-2003	
Rs.			Rs.	Rs.
15,513,859	<b>Fixed Assets</b>	1		15,501,315
	<b>Investments: (At cost)</b>			
	In Scheduled Banks, Financial Institutions, Public Sector Undertakings and Units with Unit Trust of India and Other Mutual Funds.			
134,506,586				138,078,945
	<b>Current Assets, Loans and Advances:</b>			
3,619,066	Stocks	2	4,212,326	
1,545,003	Sundry Debtors		1,726,220	
2,184,207	Cash and Bank Balances	3	2,503,783	
877,110	Loans and Advances	4	883,481	
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8,225,386				
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158,245,831				162,906,070

Schedule Numbers 1 to 6 and Notes on Accounts form part of the Balance Sheet. This is the Balance Sheet referred to in our report of even date.

FRASER & ROSS  
*Chartered Accountants*

K. S. DASTUR  
*Hony. Treasurer*



# THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2003

Year ended 31-3-2002	EXPENDITURE	Year ended 31-3-2003	
Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
	<b>Departments : (Net Expenditure)</b>		
240,078	Bhojanasala & Leadbeater Chambers	-10,167	
979,164	Garden	1,077,118	
4,127,898	Maintenance	4,976,019	
5,347,140			6,042,970
	<b>Charitable Work:</b>		
198,773	Animal Welfare	1,401,260	
2,144,719	Education	1,954,555	
31,200	Welfare Grants	47,290	
171,406	Free Dispensary and Medical Aid	206,484	
87,600	School Fees and Books	82,500	
104,742	Social Welfare Work	121,728	
25,000	H.P.B. Hostel	195,739	
150,000	Theosophical Order of Service	470,018	
21,600	Others	23,600	
2,935,040			4,503,174
	<b>Propagation of Theosophy:</b>		
571, 557	Adyar Library and Research Centre (Net)	479,720	
4,274	<i>The Theosophist</i> and <i>Adyar Newsletter</i>	—	
111,334	Vasanta Press	—	
28,640	Information and Public Relations	8,001	
144,134	Archives and Museum	126,952	
26,601	Theosophy Science Centre	13,548	
886,540		628,221	
66,843	School of the Wisdom (Gross)	117,866	
—	T.S. Workers' Training Camp	14,664	
369,644	Book Gift	466,938	
497,526	Convention and Seminar	547,293	
934,013		1,146,761	
1,820,553			1,774,982
	<b>International Offices:</b>		
67,590	President and Vice-President	51,632	
343,836	Treasurer	332,420	
195,286	Secretary	157,840	
606, 712			541, 892
	<b>Establishment:</b>		
150,028	Headquarters	169,322	
147,592	General Manager's Office	132,779	
254,873	Housekeeping Department	399,838	
174,520	Sanitation Department	178,893	
1,110,164	Security Department	965,836	
1,837,177			1,846,668
12,546,622	c/f		14,709,686

# THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2003

Year ended 31-3-2002	INCOME	Year ended 31-3-2003	
Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
	<b>Propagation of Theosophy: (Net Income)</b>		
493,603	The Theosophical Publishing House		751,712
—	<i>The Theosophist</i> and <i>Adyar Newsletter</i>		77,272
—	Vasanta Press		102,044
152,149	General Donations		341,447
12,303,405	Interest	13,461,961	
5,499,105	Less: Transferred to Other Funds	6,886,803	
6,804,300			6,575,158
1,683,130	Fees and Dues		1,598,180
140,000	Licence Fees		110,000
376,282	Miscellaneous Receipts		106,865
—	Deficit		154,079
9,649,464	c/f		9,816,757

# THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2003

Year ended 31-3-2002	EXPENDITURE	Year ended 31-3-2003	
Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
12,546,622	b/f		14,709,686
	<b>Other Expenses</b>		
4,703	Insurance	10,726	
21,520	Legal and Court Expenses	39,925	
35,930	Audit Fees	89,190	
88,583	Rates and Taxes	113,136	
3,737	Bank Charges	3,327	
1,027,380	Depreciation	1,055,149	
26,751	Motor Car Expenses	43,587	
92,373	Miscellaneous	134,282	
173,027	Provision for Gratuity	72,519	
1,474,004			1,561,841
14,020,626			<del>16,272,527</del>
	<b>Less: Transfer from other Funds</b>		16,271,527
285,113	Adyar Estate Improvement Fund	684,989	
	<b>Charitable work:</b>		
198,773	Animal Welfare	1,401,260	
2,144,719	Education	1,954,555	
104,742	Social Welfare Work	121,728	
25,000	H.P.B. Hostel	195,739	
150,000	Theosophical Order of Service	470,018	
	<b>Propagation of Theosophy:</b>		
571,557	Adyar Library and Research Centre	479,720	
66,843	School of the Wisdom	117,866	
—	T.S. Workers' Training Camp	14,664	
369,644	Book Gift	466,938	
497,526	Convention and Seminar	547,293	
4,413,917			6,454,770
9,606,709			9,816,757
42,755	Surplus transferred to General Fund		—
9,649,464			9,816,757

Chennai  
10 October 2003

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2003

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Notes on Accounts form part of these Accounts. This is the Income and Expenditure Account referred to in our report of even date.

**FRASER & ROSS**  
*Chartered Accountants*

**K.S. DASTUR**  
*Hony. Treasurer*



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, 2003

## BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31-3-2005

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
	Rs.		Rs.
<b>Departments (Net Expenditure)</b>		<b>Propagation of Theosophy</b>	
Bhojanasala & Leadbeater Chambers	160,000	Theosophical Publishing House	651,000
Garden	850,000	<i>The Theosophist</i> and <i>Adyar Newsletter</i>	87,000
Maintenance	3,238,000	Interest (Net)	6,700,000
<b>Charitable Work</b>		Membership Fees and Dues	1,600,000
Animal Welfare	1,500,000	Licence Fees	120,000
Education	2,500,000	Miscellaneous Receipts	200,000
Welfare Grants	100,000	General Donations	100,000
Free Dispensary & Medical Aid	250,000	Net Deficit	64,000
TOS	400,000		
School Fees and Books	120,000		
Social Welfare Work	200,000		
Others	30,000		
H.P.B. Hostel	200,000		
Utilization from Other Funds	(6,000,000)		
<b>Propagation of Theosophy</b>			
Adyar Library and Research Centre	687,000		
Vasanta Press	55,000		
School of the Wisdom	125,000		
Book Gift	500,000		
Workers' Training Camp	20,000		
Information and Public Relations	20,000		
Archives and Museum	300,000		
Theosophy Science Centre	25,000		
Renovation of Heritage Buildings	1,800,000		
Utilization from Other Funds	(2,000,000)		
<b>International Offices</b>			
President and Vice-President	90,000		
Treasurer	380,000		
Secretary	200,000		
<b>Establishment</b>			
Headquarters	180,000		
General Manager's Office	175,000		
Housekeeping	330,000		
Sanitation	202,000		
Security	1,200,000		
<b>Other Expenses</b>			
Insurance	20,000		
Legal Expenses	60,000		
Audit Fees	100,000		
Rates and Taxes	200,000		
Motor Car Maintenance	60,000		
Miscellaneous	150,000		
Depreciation	1,000,000		
Bank Charges	5,000		
Provision for Gratuity	90,000		
	9,522,000		9,522,000

# HEADQUARTERS

ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020  
INDIA

## CLARKE EDUCATION SOCIETY

Chairman  
Secretary  
Director

President  
Vice-President  
Secretary  
General Secretary  
Joint General Secretary  
Joint Secretary  
Joint Secretary  
Joint Secretary  
Joint Secretary  
Joint Secretary

Chief Executive Officer  
Chief Executive Officer

Chief Executive Officer  
Chief Executive Officer



## OFFICERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS FOR 2003

### Executive Committee:

1. Mrs Radha Burnier
2. Dr John Algeo
3. Miss Mary Anderson
4. Miss Keshwar Dastur
5. Mr Surendra Narayan
6. Mr Conrad Jamieson
7. Mr R. M. Tolani
8. Mr D. K. Govindaraj
9. Mr Sriram Panchu
10. Mr Rustom R. Dalal

*President*  
*Vice-President*  
*Secretary*  
*Treasurer*  
*General Council Member*  
*General Council Member*  
 (till 27 November)

(from 21 January)  
 (from 4 March)

### General Manager

Adyar Library

*Hon. Director*  
*Librarian*

Bhojanasala

Garden

Housekeeping

Information

Leadbeater Chambers

Maintenance

Medical Service

Museum and Archives

Sanitation

School of the Wisdom

*Directors*

Security

Theosophical Publishing House

Vasanta Press

Major Arjun Gopalaratnam

Dr S. Sankaranarayanan

Mrs Parvati Gopalaratnam

Mrs Sudha Natarajan

Mr J. Suresh

Mrs Radha Muthiah

Mr Conrad Jamieson

Mrs Uma Nilakanta

Mr K. Govindan

Dr S. D. Inbaraj

Dr C. V. Agarwal

Mrs Vijaya Ravindran

Prof. Ravi Ravindra (Jan.-Feb.)

Dr John Algeo (Nov.-Dec.)

Mr J. Suresh

Mr D. K. Govindaraj

Mr S. Harihara Raghavan

### OLCOTT EDUCATION SOCIETY

*Chairman*

*Secretary*

*Treasurer*

President, TS

Miss Sumana Kale

Miss Keshwar Dastur

Mrs Lakshmi Suryanarayana

Mrs A. Srirangam and

Mrs M. Bama

Mrs Lakshmi Narasimhan

Dr P. D. Jagannathan

Olcott Memorial School

H.P.B. Hostel

Social Welfare Centre and Vocational Training

Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary



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## THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

New initiatives were taken during the year 2003 to promote the sale of the publications of TPH and of the Adyar Library and Research Centre. In the domestic sector, two new marketing agents were engaged in South India as an experiment and advertisements were published in professional journals. The TPH participated in several book exhibitions.

The response has been encouraging and book orders have increased. There has also been an increase in the number of visitors to the website, where *The Theosophist* and *Wake up India* are available. Books were displayed and sold with the collaboration of the School of the

Wisdom, several Lodges etc.

During the year, two new titles were published and twenty-three books reprinted, with the collaboration of the Editorial Office and the Vasanta Press.

There are many plans for future development, such as increased publicity and on-line purchase facilities.

Book gifts were sent to public libraries and TS Lodges and Federations.

The sale of gift coupons has been introduced in the Adyar Bookshop.

Mr S. Ramu

General Manager

## THE ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

Following the illness of the eminent scholar Dr K. Kunjunni Raja, who was the Director of the Library for almost three decades, Dr S. Sankaranarayanan was appointed Honorary Director and Dr Sundari Siddhartha, Assistant Director.

The following works were released:

1. *The Adyar Library Bulletin* 65/2001.
2. *Vaisnava Upanishad-s* with the commentary of Sri Upanishad Brahmayogin, translated into English by Prof A. A. Ramanathan.

The following works are nearing completion:

1. Introduction to *Chandogyopanishad*

by Prof. S. Sankaranarayanan.

2. *Descriptive Catalogue of MSS. on Astronomy and Mathematics* by Dr K. V. Sarma.

3. *Mulamadhyamakakarikah of Bhavya* edited by Christian Lindtner.

4. *The Adyar Library Bulletin* 66/2002.

During the year 320 books were purchased, 1385 accessed and 971 catalogued. The President's Office donated 75 books, the Secretary's Office 83, T.P.H. Adyar 114, T.P.H. Wheaton 11 and other donors 759. Exchanges accounted for 7 books, 26 books were received for review and 65 books for which reprints

were not available were copied.

Eight books were deacidified, 13 film-laminated and 29 tissue-laminated.

376 books were bound and 80 repaired.

Catalogue information on 7000 books was fed into the computer database.

The supply of photographic frames,

loan of books and other services continued.

Eighteen Research Scholars from India and Overseas used the Library for their work and 1,046 visitors from India and overseas were welcomed.

Mrs Parvati Gopalaratnam  
*Librarian*

## THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

Dr Ravi Ravindra, Canada, conducted the first session of the School from 6 January to 13 February on the theme 'Spiritual Quest in the East and the West'.

The statement that the Truth and the Real have no history, only their expressions do, was deeply analyzed in an overview of the Judeo-Christian and Hindu-Buddhist traditions. Special reference was made to the *Bhagavadgitā* in connection with various yogas. Finally, the teachings of Gurdjieff were taken up.

About 35 students attended from Australia, Canada, Cuba, England, Finland, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Slovenia, the USA and India.

The second session of the School was conducted by the Vice-President of the Society, Dr John Algeo, from 17 November to 12 December, the general theme being 'Practical Theosophy', based on *At the Feet of the Master*, as a guide to practical living.

The different qualifications for entering the Path were studied in depth

and related to various passages of the *Bhagavadgitā* and *Vivekachudāmani*.

The highlight was the study of the fourth qualification, during which Dr Algeo, with his deep knowledge of the English language, captivated his listeners with appropriate digressions bringing out the deeper meaning of some of the expressions used. Important knowledge was imparted and there were moments of deep insight.

The students visited various departments of the Society and attended programmes specially for them at the Social Welfare Centre and the HPB Hostel.

About 35 students took part, hailing from Australia, Denmark, England, Holland, Malaysia, New Zealand, Portugal, South Africa, Scotland, Singapore, Slovenia, Sweden, the USA and India.

Mrs Dolores Gago  
*Secretary of the School of the Wisdom*

## ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM

The building housing the Museum has been renovated. The students of the School of the Wisdom were shown around.

The upkeep, restoration and preservation of documents in the Archives, which have been pending for several years, now require urgent attention. This could however not be provided due to shortage of staff. Difficulties increased owing to several changes of office due to

unavoidable circumstances.

Following the usual practice, an exhibition was arranged for the delegates to the International Convention. A number of enquiries about the history of the Theosophical Society were answered.

Dr C. V. Agarwal  
Officer-in-Charge

## OLCOTT EDUCATION SOCIETY

*Olcott Memorial High School:* The School reopened on 6 June 2003, when 70 pupils were admitted to the first class and 29 pupils to other classes, making a total of 755 in all (452 boys and 303 girls), spread over 23 divisions, up to the tenth class. The School provides uniforms, text books, stationery and (vegetarian) breakfasts and lunches free of charge. There are no fees for tuition. Most children walk to school from their homes in a nearby slum.

65 students sat for the final examination, 29 passing at the first attempt and nine when they re-sat. The percentage of passes was 51.4. Weaker students in the ninth year received special tuition.

Sports activities and gardening classes were provided throughout the school year and the children participated in inter-school competitions. A health check-up was carried out. Minor ailments were

treated and some cases were referred to a specialist. Health education was given to improve health habits. Interested pupils had an opportunity to learn computer skills during the lunch break and on holidays. Delhi Doordarshan TV and some local magazines praised the activities of the School.

Efforts were made to create an English-language laboratory, which enabled the school to win a technology grant of Rs.1 Lakh from Intel Innovation in Education in the category of 'exemplary use of resources of recognition'.

*HPB Hostel:* 19 old pupils reported to the hostel on 3 June 2003 and by 7 June the total number was 31. Parent-student meetings were held to listen to problems and various issues were addressed at the daily assemblies. The day begins and ends with prayers.

Mrs Radha Muthiah conducted study



sessions on *At the Feet of the Master* in Tamil. Dr Besant's birthday was celebrated and a programme presented to students of the School of the Wisdom and others.

*Social Welfare Centre:* In June, 65 new children aged two to three were admitted to the nursery school, making a total of 120, of whom an average of 100 attend regularly. The children receive a vegetarian breakfast and lunch. They are taught the Tamil, English and Hindi alphabets and they learn to identify fruits, vegetables, animals and birds. Dr Revathi conducts a clinic at the Centre and also looks after the children's health.

*Vocational Training Centre:* In February and June six-month tailoring courses were completed. The teachers and students

benefited from an NIFT (National Institute of Fashion Technology) project. Articles made at the Centre were sold at the International Convention and to students attending the School of the Wisdom.

*Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary:* The animals are cared for by ~~five~~ <sup>three</sup> veterinary surgeons and the Office Manager, as well as five other staff members. In-patients are fed three times daily. They are vaccinated and receive medical treatment when necessary. Environmental work has been added to the activities of the Centre, a van having been donated for this purpose. The operating theatre is now functioning.

Miss Sumana Kale  
*Secretary, Olcott Education Society*

## THE BESANT SCOUT CAMPING CENTRE

During the year 25 institutions utilized the facilities of the Centre and about 3000 children benefited from camping activities, as did also a school

for Special Children (AIKYS).

Mr A. Victor Frank  
*For the Besant Scouting Centre*

## THE THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE

Six South American countries reported on their TOS activities: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Peru. In Brazil a National Plan of Action was drawn up at a first National TOS

Meeting. A long-term goal is to have TOS groups wherever there is a TS Lodge. Rio members participated in a movement against religious discrimination in schools.

In several Latin American countries activities included help to the needy (especially children) and work for animal welfare and the environment, the promotion of vegetarianism etc. In many areas, the healing ritual was performed and there were meditations for world peace.

The TOS in Australia gave generous financial support to various TOS projects overseas, for example, in Pakistan, the Philippines, Kenya and India (the Olcott School). Local groups engaged in a wide variety of activities, supporting Amnesty International, the Red Cross, UNICEF and various national organizations. At the Convention the TOS hosted a presentation about work with prisoners in local jails.

Under the new Correspondent, Lorraine Christensen, the TOS in Canada elected to support the Animal Welfare Fund in Adyar and sent a first donation. An introductory leaflet and the first issue of a biannual newsletter were published.

In East and Central Africa substantial donations and gifts of food were made to homes for the needy in Nairobi and the education of five orphans was sponsored. In Tanzania a donation was made to the cost of surgery for seven underprivileged Africans, lunch was provided for 120 hospital patients and the children in a Salvation Army orphanage.

The TOS in England, which was very active in the past, has been stagnating somewhat. Fund-raising for charitable projects continues however. Plans were made during the Summer School to revitalize the TOS. A Newsletter will be

published. The North Western Federation continued its fine work, 'Teddy's for Tragedy', and donated other gifts to the needy. Children's homes in Goa, India, received support. Many members and Lodges made donations to charitable bodies.

The TOS in France continued to organize many activities to support the disadvantaged, helping four aid organizations in France, sponsoring the education of well over a hundred Tibetan and Indian students and donating to the Olcott Education Society at Adyar. Instead of clothing and medicine, financial donations are sent to various institutions in India, to enable them to purchase what is necessary on the spot. Activities are financed by an annual two-day sale, which received a 'face lift' this year, leading to increased takings.

In India there are well over one hundred active TOS groups with a total membership of more than 5000. This year efforts were concentrated on health (free operations, check-ups and medicines; in some cases homoeopathic and Ayurvedic medicines and pranik healing), education (support for poor students), animal welfare and the environment. Mobility aids were provided for some 250 handicapped persons. A very successful TOS workers' camp was held at Allahabad. Further functions are planned on special international days. There are plans to produce a TOS handbook.

The TOS in Pakistan has regrettably had to cut down its activities due to a reduction in donations following reports

of unrest in Pakistan and the fear that donations might not reach their destination. Thus the salaries for two part-time doctors working in two medical clinics for the poor can no longer be paid and the literacy programme centres may have to be shut down. On the other hand, the Montessori School continues to function well and support can still be given to 43 families and elderly people with no independent means.

In the Philippines activities continued in the following areas: programmes for health, nutrition and medical treatment; youth development scholarships; livelihood programme (interest-free loans); a learning centre for pre-schoolers; the Golden Link School and a relevant bulletin; vegetarianism. An organic vegetable garden has been acquired.

In Spain four branches perform the healing ritual. A seminar was organized for 20 people on support for the terminally ill and the group will continue to meet. A local TOS representative has been appointed in the north-east and in the south clothes and toys are collected for an orphanage.

The Swedish TOS continued to work for a boarding school and teenage

community home in Riga, Latvia, summer camps and holidays also being organized for the children. Donations were made to two centres for street children and a home for infants. Specialized training courses were held for the staff.

In the United States seven volunteer departments contribute articles to the national TOS magazine. There are some new developments: The TS in America will include the TOS brochure in information sent to enquirers; the internet site now has a discussion forum; and the healing network sends out daily the names of those needing help to the sixty groups and individuals active in the healing meditation. The names can also be obtained on a special free telephone line.

In Wales Cardiff Lodge continued to put its lecture room at the disposal of a member who runs a 'Bowen Technique' free clinic for cerebral palsied children. Sessions are attended by interested persons from different parts of the country. The healing ritual is performed monthly.

Mrs Diana Dunningham Chapotin  
*International Secretary, TOS*

# NATIONAL SOCIETIES AND SECTIONS

## AFRICA, EAST AND CENTRAL

### REPORTS OF WORK IN NATIONAL SOCIETIES AND SECTIONS REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES LODGES ATTACHED TO ADYAR FEDERATIONS

(Where necessary, reports have been translated, edited or condensed)

## AFRICA, SOUTHERN





## NATIONAL SOCIETIES AND SECTIONS

### AFRICA, EAST AND CENTRAL

Successful work has been done, particularly in Kenya, resulting in an overall increase of fifty in membership.

Nairobi Lodge held weekly meetings both in English and in Gujarati. Nakuru, Kisumu and Meru Lodges also met weekly. In addition seminars and workshops are held. Besides Nile Lodge (Kampala) there is a growing study centre in Uganda. In Tanzania, Dar es Salaam Lodge, which held weekly meetings in English and Gujarati, is now the only active group. In Zambia Mufulira Lodge is the strongest and members travel to other lodges to help revitalize them. Kitwe Lodge almost collapsed after half the members emigrated and others had to leave the area in search of work. But new members have joined.

Brother Reuben Thuku, the National

Lecturer, visited the UK, the USA and South Africa and also travelled widely within the Section.

The TOS continued to be very active, donating several tons of foodstuffs, clothing, etc., supporting students at school and children in need, organizing public speaking contests, etc.

Zambia hosted the biennial Convention at the TS property in Kitwe, no less than 100 people attending. Twelve sympathizers joined the Society on this occasion. The next Convention will be held in Mombasa, where the lodge has been dormant for some time. Some members attended the South African TS Convention.

Mr Jayu L. Sampat  
*General Secretary*

### AFRICA, SOUTHERN

The General Secretary, accompanied by his wife, visited Lodges within South Africa as well as Theosophists in several European countries. He was chief guest at the Convention of the East and Central African Section in Kitwe, Zambia.

Lodge activities have increased. In Johannesburg the following monthly

programmes were held: 'Introduction to Theosophy', 'Overview of Theosophy', 'Exploring the Treasures of our Library'. A monthly introduction course also figured on the programme of Pretoria Lodge, reference being made to various works by C.W. Leadbeater and others. Public meetings were well attended.

Durban Lodge held a monthly study session, based on an English Section study course. Other Lodges and Centres studied *At the Feet of the Master, Light on the Path, Karma, Reincarnation* and the Three Objects of the Society. The members of Harare Lodge, Zimbabwe, meet informally in each others' homes.

Programmes and pamphlets have been distributed and the Society has been represented on TV and radio; video and

audio tape libraries have been created and lodges have published newsletters.

The TOS gave counselling to people with serious difficulties and donated to many charitable organizations. Members of Johannesburg Lodge were involved in projects to help underprivileged children in Soweto Township.

Mr Thomas Davis  
General Secretary

## AFRICA, WEST

In weekly, fortnightly and monthly meetings, Lodges studied *The Masters and the Path, At the Feet of the Master, Meditation* (Clara Codd), *The Science of Yoga* and *The Ancient Wisdom*. Studies were followed by discussion.

A two-day 'West Africa School of the Wisdom' was held in March, directed by Mr Isaac K. Zaney, on 'The Ancient Mysteries and the Goal of Spiritual Aspiration'. The Annual Convention was held in Accra in June, with emphasis on the strengthening of Lodges, members' attitude to the Objects of the Society and living a Theosophical life in our troubled world.

Dr Kwadwo A. Tutu, Publicity Secretary, held a public lecture on 'Theosophy, a Way to Inward and Outward Harmony'. Copies of *The Theosophist* were distributed to Public Libraries, educational institutions and

the Parliament in Ghana, Nigeria and Cameroon and resulted in letters from enquirers. Book sales were satisfactory. Information leaflets were distributed. The headquarters office in Accra is open daily to the public.

Plans are being made to celebrate the seventieth anniversary of Blavatsky Lodge, Accra, Ghana, the first Lodge in the area, in 2005. It is hoped that the completed headquarters building can be opened then in Accra. (The first floor is now under construction.) Wide publicity will be given to Theosophy and the Society on this occasion.

Since peace is being restored in Liberia, it is hoped that there will soon be news from that country.

Mr Paul B. Kwakyi  
General Secretary

## ARGENTINA

A summer and a winter school and other gatherings were held, some of the subjects of study being 'The Theosophist: here and now', the Upanishad-s, the *Bhagavadgitā*, *The Secret Doctrine* and *Light on the Path*. Some of these gatherings were attended also by members from other Latin American countries.

The young members were very active, holding camps and other gatherings on, for example, 'The Doctrine of the Heart in Theosophy', 'To Live with Death' and 'Play the Game without Identifying with It'.

The General Secretary held meetings and spoke in several lodges. The usual business meetings were held.

New members receive a basic course on Theosophy and some important books (*Human Regeneration* by Radha Burnier and *Principles of Theosophical Work* by Dr Taimni). Due to economic difficulties only two numbers of the magazine instead of four and no books could be published. There is a project for cooperation in the publishing field with other Latin American countries and also with Spain. A video was produced on the San Rafael centre. A database has been set up for printing leaflets and short articles.

Mrs Silvia Liliana Pastore  
General Secretary

## AUSTRALIA

There was much activity in the Section: New initiatives were launched: 'Guidelines for Conduct' and a 'Policies Review' were drawn up; a new introductory leaflet and a booklet by John Algeo on *The Essentials of Theosophy* were printed; a Groups Coordinator was appointed; a speakers' workshop was held and the website (visited by about 3,200 people every month) was redeveloped. An Education Unit encourages the study and assimilation of Theosophy and aims at strengthening the Section through providing talks,

courses, workshops, etc. Members received a second and third Theosophical Study Paper in booklet form. Publicity leaflets are reprinted regularly.

The National President attended the General Council meeting and the International Convention in Adyar and, in Australia, held training sessions and a speakers' workshop, as well as visiting various Lodges. The Education Co-ordinator helped with training and other programmes, visited Adyar and Sri Lanka and gave a course at the Krotona School of Theosophy.

At the Springbrook Centre Joy Mills held a retreat on 'Entering the Heart of Theosophy' and Mary Anderson dedicated the new meeting hall and conducted the School of Theosophy on 'The Fundamentals of Theosophy', training sessions being provided in the afternoon. The subject of two study sessions at the Canyonleigh Centre was 'The Essentials of Theosophy'. The National President, Joy Mills and Mary Anderson gave radio interviews. The National Convention was held in Perth,

the guest speaker being Aryel Sanat.

Joy Mills, Aryel Sanat and Mary Anderson as well as the National President, the Education Coordinator and Dara Tatray and Brian Parry lectured in most of the Lodges. Dianne Kynaston and Dara Tatray presented a seminar on Non-Conformist Thought at the Australian National University, Canberra.

Mrs Linda Oliveira  
*National President*

## BELGIUM

The Section is recovering from past difficulties and some loss of membership and a new Committee is working to solve various material problems, for example, the costly renovation of the headquarters building in Brussels.

Public lectures were held in Brussels (speakers including Professor Aryel Sanat, Professor P. Krishna and Miss Trân-Thi-Kim-Diêu). The four Lodges in the capital studied, for example, the Yoga-sutra-s of Patañjali, Krishnamurti's teachings and W. Slater's *Raja Yoga*, as well as a work on psychology, with a view to helping people in difficulty. A weekly

introductory course on Theosophy and a monthly public lecture in Flemish have been initiated.

Introductory courses on Theosophy in French are given in Brussels, Liège and Charleroi and some participants have joined the Society.

Flemish-speaking Lodges are working successfully in Gent and Antwerp. The Lodge in Charleroi continues to work steadily, although membership is decreasing.

Dr H. van der Hecht  
*General Secretary*

## BRAZIL

In addition to Lodge meetings throughout the country, there were several national gatherings at the Raja Centre

(São Paulo) and in Brasilia: A summer school with the theme 'The Doctrine of the Heart', an International School of the



TS in Brazil, the subject being 'Education for the Third Millennium' with Professor P. Krishna, and a winter seminar on 'The Upanishad-s', 'Yoga' and 'Indian Philosophies' featured in Brasilia. Training sessions, seminars and lectures were held at the Raja Centre (São Paulo).

In Brasilia subjects of study included excerpts from *The Mahatma Letters*, an introductory course and Meditation. The Young Theosophists studied *The Key to Theosophy* at weekly meetings. Krishnamurti's teachings were also taken up. Gatherings in other regions were also an important feature of the work, with subjects such as, for example, peace. Lodges studied *Practical Occultism*, *Self-Culture*, God and religion in Theosophy, the Work of Theosophical Lodges, Reincarnation, Karma and Dharma, etc.

The National Library is being reorganized. Pamphlets were provided to Lodges. Lectures and seminars were filmed and shown on TV channels in various towns, 26 channels in 24 cities being covered. Video tapes were also on sale. Courses on Theosophy are being produced and the Internet is put to good use. Several books were published. Communications via internet are helping to spread Theosophy.

The TOS was very active in healing, world peace, social service, education, health and ecology in different parts of the country.

A Committee for Buying and Selling Premises is active.

Mr Ricardo Lindemann  
General Secretary

## COLOMBIA (AND VENEZUELA)

In the lodges the need for each of us to be aware of our dharma as a member was emphasized. *The Secret Doctrine*, *Esoteric Christianity*, *The Voice of the Silence*, *The Ancient Wisdom* and *The Science of Yoga* were studied, as well as articles by Radha Burnier and others. In some cases study was preceded by meditation or questions and answers about the subject of study, emphasis being on practical application.

A basic course in twenty lessons drew twenty-five to thirty members and sympathizers. In addition there were

courses on 'Raja Yoga and Meditation', 'Constructive and Happy Human Relations', 'Study, Investigation and Training'. Public lectures were held on Sundays in Bogota, followed by short workshops. Titles included 'Be Your Own Teacher and Manage Your Own Life', 'The Science of Character Formation', etc. A week of study was organized in December. Lectures were held from time to time in Caracas.

Mrs Terezinha Franca Kind and Mr Isaac Jauli visited both Bogota and Caracas and presented lectures



and workshops.

TOS work has begun, emphasizing in the first place service to the TS and seeking true fraternity in our hearts. The Young Theosophists studied films and plays with theosophical content and themselves presented a play.

Three booklets were published: *A Short Biography of Annie Besant*, *The Truth about Death* and *The Law of Sacrifice*, as well as a bimonthly magazine.

Dr Antonio Martinez  
General Secretary

## CUBA

Lodges met weekly, study being based on, for example, *Talks on the Path of Occultism: At the Feet of the Master*, *The Science of Yoga*, *Human Regeneration*, *Self-Culture* and *The Inner Life*.

Members' meetings continued on Saturdays, as also the Basic Course on Theosophy held twice a month over five months, alternating with public meetings. Attendance (particularly of young people) at both activities increased. Almost all new members have attended the basic course. The subject of the open meetings included, for example, 'Do Miracles Happen?', 'The Art of Meditation according to Marie Poutz', 'The Mayan Mysteries', 'The Golden Stairs', 'Ancient Philosophy and Modern Physics', 'The Seven Great Religions of the World', etc.

Only one of the two *Secret Doctrine* study groups for members continued to meet in the evenings in winter. The study group on Krishnamurti's Teachings attracted the attendance for which we hoped. Both groups are for members exclusively.

The celebration of Founder's Day, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day attracted good attendances (members and guests).

The Annual Convention took place in January, with the keynote 'Yoga and the Search for Truth'. Wisdom Lodge in Cienfuegos celebrated its Centenary on 22 October 2002.

Mr Gaspar Torres  
General Secretary

## ENGLAND

At the Headquarters in London 34 public lectures, 13 seminars and 11 courses were held. Attendance at Sunday evening lectures averaged 40. Ongoing

weekly courses were held on 'Theosophy: The Way to Self-Discovery', *The Secret Doctrine* and 'The Joy of Meditation', as well as eight other courses. An

'unattached members' day drew 25 participants, who were given some insight into the running of the Section.

Speakers from abroad included Dr John Algeo, Mr Tom Davis and Mrs Diana Dunningham Chapotin, who spoke in London as well as in Lodges outside the capital.

Initiatives were taken to help provincial Lodges, advertisements being placed in local newspapers in 18 towns. Six Lodges benefited from a leaflet and poster campaign. Lectures were also organized in four locations where there are as yet no Lodges and attracted an average attendance of 20.

The Summer School was held at Loughborough University in Leicestershire, the subject being 'Theosophy, the Joyful Wisdom', with Stephan Hoeller as the

main speaker. More than 90 persons attended. Federation and other Conferences took place at Tekels Park and in Lancashire. Two residential conferences were organized at Tekels Park: a conference on *The Voice of the Silence* and a Theosophy/Science weekend.

The Section Library at the Headquarters has been reorganized, with one open day during Sunday public lectures. Records are being transferred to a newly installed computer. 142 books were added to the collection. The Library has been less in use than previously, but book sales have been good.

Mr Colin Price  
General Secretary

## FINLAND

Lodges met regularly to study basic Theosophical literature, leading to the application of Theosophical principles in daily life. Members are encouraged to give lectures. Public lectures were held weekly in Helsinki (fortnightly in summer). Large audiences testified to growing interest in the Society. Public lectures were organized in other towns in Finland and also in three towns in Estonia. Lodge Presidents and representatives met twice to exchange experiences. In places where there is less activity, information meetings were held for the public.

Fifty members attended the Annual

Convention, which was combined with some days of lectures and discussions on 'The Significance of my TS Membership'. This was also the theme of the Summer School, with an attendance of about eighty. The Chairman of the European Federation, Miss Trần-Thi-Kim-Điêu, lectured on the last three days. She then visited Estonia. HPB Lodge in Estonia organized a four-day summer school, with about seventy participants. About eighty members attended a weekend with six Theosophical sister organizations.

A Finnish translation of Aryel Sanat's *The Inner Life of Krishnamurti* was

published. The magazine *Teosofi* appeared six times. During the year two letters were sent to members, containing information and an article for individual study.

There are theosophical libraries in twelve cities in Finland and also in Tallin. The largest library, at the Headquarters

in Helsinki, contains about 4000 books in different languages. The Section took part in various fairs.

Mr Yrjö Kumila  
General Secretary

## FRANCE

The keynote of the Annual Convention, with Mr Antonio Girardi, the Italian General Secretary, as Guest of Honour, was 'Peace on the Spiritual Path'. Elections to the Section Committee were held, most of the members remaining in office.

The most active centres are Paris and Marseille, with regular monthly meetings and bimonthly lectures. Books studied included *The Secret Doctrine*, *Self-Culture*, *The Solar System* (A.E. Powell) and the *Bhagavadgītā*. Some Lodges were dissolved, there being no hope of reviving activity in the towns concerned, while some other Lodges remained 'inactive', in the hope that they will revive.

About thirty members, including some from Belgium and Spain, attended a seminar on HPB's 'Meditation Diagram' by Miss Trân-Thi-Kim-Điêu in Paris.

The magazine *Le Lotus Bleu* appears ten times a year. French translations of *The Masters and the Path* and *A Study in Consciousness* were republished and new translations of *In this very Life* by Sayadaw U. Pandita and *The Way of Wisdom* by N. Sri Ram were printed. The Library and bookshop continue their activity.

Mrs Danielle Audoin  
General Secretary

## GERMANY

About forty persons attended the Summer School in Lippstadt, including members from Belgium and the Netherlands. The theme 'Light on our Path' was explored in talks, a symposium and workshops. Miss Mary Anderson was the guest of honour and gave two

lectures, as well as speaking at a number of German Lodges. Ali Ritsema also spoke at the Summer School.

Lodges met weekly or fortnightly. The General Secretary visited some of the Lodges. Spring and autumn week-end meetings continue in the north

of Germany, with attendances of about twenty.

Individual members and groups of members support institutions such as, for example, an orphanage and a hospital in Egypt and an orphanage in Brazil.

## GREECE

The Lodges worked regularly, holding Theosophical lectures. Substantial work was done on comparative study.

White Lotus Day was celebrated as well as, for the first time, Foundation Day and Adyar Day.

The magazine *Ilisos*, distributed to nearly one thousand persons, promotes systematically Theosophical topics and ideas.

## ICELAND

There is increased activity within the Section, the public also taking greater interest. At the headquarters in Reykjavik programmes for members and also public lectures, etc. (followed by discussion and refreshments) are held weekly, with an 'Open House' on Saturday afternoon. On most days of the week some activity is going on, for example, lectures, meditation, Hatha Yoga, reading and discussing books. Many books were donated to the library.

The magazine *Theosophie Adyar* continues to appear three times yearly, with a slight increase in subscribers.

Mrs Elisabeth Schmidt  
*General Secretary*

There has been quite a successful effort to activate members through lectures, etc. There are some new lecturers among younger members.

It is felt that there has been an all-round improvement.

Mr Georgios P. Sivris  
*General Secretary*

Outside Reykjavik three Lodges are active, holding fortnightly or monthly meetings. Members intending to found a new Lodge are already studying *The Secret Doctrine* together. Baldur Lodge has been revived.

A summer school was held in June, with a tight programme of lectures, discussions and meditation.

Mr Gisli V. Jonsson  
*General Secretary*



## INDIA

At the Indian Section Convention in Adyar in December 2003, the undersigned, having served as Officiating General Secretary since the resignation of Mr P. K. Jayaswal in September, was elected General Secretary for 2004 and Mr P. S Panchakshari Treasurer for the years 2004-5.

Membership again rose during the year, although a considerable number of members had to be dropped from the rolls due to non-payment of dues. There is a lack of honorary workers in the Section.

At the Headquarters in Varanasi, the International President directed the North Indian Study Camps in October 2002 and September 2003 on books by Dr Besant: *In the Outer Court* and *The Wisdom of the Upanishad-s* respectively. She also delivered a number of lectures. A Theosophical Workers' Study and Training Camp was held in October 2002, inaugurated by the President and directed by Brother Satyavir Tyagi.

The South Indian Conference at the International Headquarters in April was directed by the President on the subject

of 'Mortal Bodies and the Immortal Self'.

The President also lectured in Delhi, Kolkata and Bellary and was the chief guest at the Silver Jubilee of Assam Theosophical Federation. The General Secretary was the chief guest at the Telugu Theosophical Federation Conference and guest of honour at the Assam Federation Silver Jubilee. National Lecturers also visited different Federations, where they gave lectures and held study camps. Prof. R. C. Tampi and Bro. R M. Poduwal directed a study camp at Bhowali on Dr Taimni's *Man, God and the Universe*.

A website is being created for the Indian Section; books will be sold on-line.

Six Zonal Committees have been formed to deal with property matters, Dr N. C. Ramanujachary advising and helping.

The Theosophical Order of Service continues its good work, providing artificial limbs, sewing machines, scholarships, etc. to the needy.

Mr S. Sundaram  
*Officiating General Secretary*

## INDONESIA

Fifteen new members were admitted at the celebration of Annie Besant's birthday and a new Lodge was founded on 17 November.

Mrs Ali Ritsema was present at the

Annual Convention in May in Sala, where the centenary of three Lodges was celebrated. One of the Lodges provided free accommodation and meals for all members participating.



The celebration was followed by a Seminar on 'Blavatsky and the New Age', speakers being Mrs Ali Ritsema and Ms Andrini Martono. Group discussions were held in the evenings. About 60 participants attended.

A seminar was organized for Young Theosophists on 'Esoteric Christianity', with four speakers from the new Luxor Lodge. The thirty-six participants included some older members.

The journal *Theosophi* has resumed

publication. It is to appear every four months and is being sold at some bookshops.

Mr H. M. Soesiswo retired after twenty-one years of service as General Secretary and Prof. Soepangat Soemarto was elected as his successor.

Mr H. M. Soesiswo

*Former General Secretary*

Prof. Dr Soepangat Soemarto

*General Secretary*

## ITALY

The Council and Executive Committee of the Section met regularly. With a view to communication, dialogue and the sharing of plans, meetings were organized with the Presidents of the various Lodges and the organizers of Centres, beginning with Turin. The General Secretary visited ten Lodges and Centres.

The Annual Convention took place in Aosta, the theme being 'Theosophy and Everyday Life'. The subject of the 12th Seminar organized with the European Federation and held this year in Spello, Umbria (with about forty participants) was 'Inner and Outer Peace'. Seminars were held in Jesolo Lido on 'Sister Death from the Theosophical Point of View' and on *The Secret Doctrine*, attracting attendances of over fifty and over sixty respectively. The Italian Section organized the Summer School

of the Latin Countries on 'Living to Benefit Mankind'.

The publishing house 'Edizioni Teosofiche Italiane' (ETI) has commenced activity. The Italian translation of *The Secret Doctrine* was reprinted and a study version in one volume printed, as well as the Proceedings of the Centenary Congress (in Italian and English). The magazine *Revista Italiana di Teosofia* is published in 1300 copies.

The Section website was updated and now has a 'communication space'.

The Theosophical Order of Service supported the printing of books for Eastern European countries and helped the Olcott School in India and the TOS in Pakistan.

Mr Antonio Girardi

*General Secretary*

## MEXICO

At the national headquarters in Mexico City there were two series of weekly lectures on 'Death, according to Theosophy' and a seminar on 'The Influence of the Moon on the Earth'.

Lodge study in the capital and outside was based on, for example, *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Key to Theosophy*, *The Mahatma Letters*, *A Study in Consciousness*, *Space, Time and Self*, *Self-Culture* and subjects such as different

religions, man and his bodies, planes of Nature, thought-forms, control of the emotions, Masters and disciples, energy fields, etc.

National Theosophical schools were held in May and October, the subjects being 'Cycles in Nature' and 'The Adepts of the TS' respectively.

Mrs Lisette Arroyo Jimenez  
*Former General Secretary*

## NETHERLANDS

The study groups on *The Secret Doctrine* and *The Divine Plan* continue their activity. A day's study of S. S. Varma's book *Teachings on Discipleship* was held for members. Guest lecturers included Henk Spierenburg (who drew an audience of over 120) and Professor P. Krishna. Many members of the Section collaborated in the organization of the EFTS Centenary and the Naarden School of the Wisdom. A meeting of Lodge and Centre committees was also organized.

Books studied in the Lodges included *The Secret Doctrine*, *Human Regeneration*, *Teachings on Discipleship* (S.S. Varma) and *The Divine Plan*.

*The Buddhist Catechism* was published in Dutch. Books are sold at the Headquarters in Amsterdam as well as

in Naarden (during programmes there), at bookfairs and (through distributors) in bookshops.

The Section has created a website. All 21,000 books in the Library (which is linked to the Inter-Library lending system) are now on CD-ROM.

There are plans to carry out necessary renovations of the Headquarters Building in Amsterdam, but financing will be problematic due to the fall in the value of shares.

Professor Dr J. L. F. Gerding has been appointed to the chair in Metaphysics in the Light of Theosophy at Leyden University.

Mrs Wies Kuiper  
*General Secretary*

## NEW ZEALAND

After several years of declining membership, there was an increase of sixty members in the year under report. A new Lodge was chartered and two new Study Centres were formed, bringing the number of Study Centres up to seven.

The International Vice-President, Dr John Algeo, was the guest speaker at the National Convention and was also interviewed on the national radio.

Twenty-two members attended a seven-day School of Theosophy on Eastern and Western Wisdom Traditions conducted by Dr Ravi Ravindra; Mr Gavin Laurie and Mrs Diana Dunningham-Chapotin held afternoon training sessions in Lodge administration. A three-day workshop

was conducted on the use of modern tools in presenting Theosophy.

The Section sent speakers to Lodges and Study Centres, providing in all 222 public talks. Visitors from abroad also presented workshops and lectures. The audio archives are being digitalized.

The Headquarters newsletter has now been incorporated in the magazine, which continues to be popular. Members made good use of the library facilities, 305 books being lent out during the year. Progress has been made in organizing the Section Archives.

John Vostermans  
General Secretary

## THE PHILIPPINES

During the year the various Lodges studied, for example, *At the Feet of the Master*, *Light on the Path*, *The Mahatma Letters*, *A Study in Consciousness*, *An Introductory Course in Theosophy* (Eugene Simmons) and books by Dr Taimni, as well as basic Theosophy and comparative mysticism.

A new Lodge has been founded in Iloilo.

Numerous lectures were delivered in various cities to non-Theosophical groups.

A CD-ROM entitled 'Theosophical

Classics' has been released in collaboration with the TS in America. *Easy Vegetarian Recipes* and *The Process of Self-Transformation* have been published.

The General Secretary conducted 'self-transformation seminars' in the USA and Australia.

A ten-year 'vision' has been approved by the National Convention, containing such points as an increase in the number of Lodges, training courses, a second Theosophical college, a Theosophical Institute providing courses for the public, a youth programme, bookstores and

libraries, radio and television programmes, the training of speakers and fund-raising.

There has been collaboration with Muslims and the Catholic Relief Services on the subject of peace. Aid is being given to evacuees fleeing from armed conflict.

Four schools in all are run by the TS or its affiliates, including the Golden Link School with 54 pupils and four teachers.

Mr Vicente Haó Chin, Jr  
*General Secretary*

## PORTUGAL

The twelve Lodges in Portugal were all active during the year. Aquarius Lodge in Lisbon held a seminar on Elementary Theosophy in November 2002. Dharma Lodge in Porto celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in May 2003.

The Chairman of the European Federation and the General Secretary of

the Brazilian Section, Mr Ricardo Lindemann, visited the Section, the former holding a seminar on 'Human Regeneration' in Lisbon and the latter giving lectures and meeting members.

Dr Humberto Alvares da Costa  
*General Secretary*

## PUERTO RICO

At the Annual General Meeting, the undersigned was elected General Secretary. An Extraordinary General Meeting was held to approve changes in the Section Rules. There was a social gathering of the Puerto Rican members.

The Section was represented at the Seventh Caribbean Basin Seminar in Mexico.

The Vice-General Secretary visited the Theosophical Society in Central American countries and also participated in the Winter School of the Argentinian Section.

Mrs Enriqueta Portela  
*General Secretary*

## SPAIN

Study in the Lodges was based on books such as *The Voice of the Silence*, *Glimpses into the Psychology of Yoga*,

*The Path of Discipleship*, *The Science of Yoga* and *Theosophy Explained*. Talks were given by members on, for



example, 'Living Theosophy', 'Life after Death', 'Reincarnation, Karma and their Consequences'. Some Lodges perform the TOS Healing Ceremony.

The keynote of the Summer School, with an attendance of about 150, was 'The Mystery Schools'. During the 'Theosophical Days' held in Valencia, about 40 participants studied Clara Codd's *Trust Yourself to Life*. At the Institute of Theosophical Studies a three months' course was organized on 'The Hermetic Teaching in *The Secret Doctrine*'. Talks were also given by Mr Isaac Jauli.

The General Secretary visited Theosophical groups in Caracas. Along with two other members he participated in a programme of Radio Catalonia, speaking about Theosophy.

In addition to the monthly magazine, several books were published, such as *The Ancient Wisdom* and *Gems of the Orient*. A Catalan translation of *At the Feet of the Master* and some booklets on Theosophy are being printed.

Mr José Tarragó  
General Secretary

## SRI LANKA

An average of two public lectures were held monthly at the Headquarters in Colombo, including three by Mr Pedro Oliveira, President of the Indo-Pacific Theosophical Federation. The US Ambassador and the High Commissioner for India spoke on Founders' Day. Public attendance has improved. Monthly discussion groups on Theosophy were initiated. It is hoped to improve membership participation.

Mr Oliveira also spoke at a number of Lodges outside the capital. It is intended to revive these Lodges, which did not send a report. The General Secretary and some

committee members visited Badulla and Kandy Lodges.

The Section Library received donations of steel cupboards and books. A reading section for members is planned. *At the Feet of the Master* is being translated into Sinhalese.

Eight Executive Committee meetings were held, as well as regular meetings of the principal officers. The Rules are being drawn up. The Headquarters building has been repaired.

Mr Tudor Jayawardene  
General Secretary

## SWEDEN

The six lodges were active, with many lectures on theosophical subjects and study groups on *The Secret*

*Doctrine*, western esotericism, meditation, war and brotherhood, spiritual 'stress management' etc.



The guest speaker at the Summer School was the International Vice-President, Dr John Algeo, the theme of the School being 'The Ancient Wisdom in Myths and Fairy Tales'. Dr Algeo also held afternoon sessions on *At the Feet of the Master*. The venue of the School was near the Danish frontier, and two Danish members came to the public lecture by Dr Algeo.

A mini-school at the Headquarters in Stockholm with the theme 'To Understand how to Live' (based on texts by Mr N. Sri Ram) attracted twenty participants.

*No Other Path to Go* (Mrs Radha Burnier) and *Self-Culture* (Dr I. K. Taimni) are being translated into Swedish and a new edition of *The Secret Doctrine* is being prepared. The bookshop in Stockholm was open two days a week. The website was kept up to date. The magazine appears four times a year and can be received by e-mail.

Mrs Ing-Britt Wiklund  
General Secretary

## SWITZERLAND

The five Lodges in the Section (as well as three small groups) are situated in Geneva, the location of the Section Headquarters. The Headquarters premises are rented out to the Liberal Catholic Church, the Martinist Order, the Mazdaznan movement and students of Sogyal Rinpoche. Unsuitable movements have been refused permission.

In the German-speaking area five to eight persons, of whom three are members, meet regularly in Winterthur

and some meetings are organized in a Yoga Centre in Villeret.

Also in Geneva, a successful seminar was organized on sacred geometry, which will be repeated. Social gatherings are held which also attract the public. The Library is open twice a week.

The magazine *La Voie(x) Théosophique* is appreciated by the public.

Mrs Anne Bornet  
General Secretary

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A Direct Mail Campaign resulted in an increase in public awareness and in new members. In the coming year, the focus will be on increasing membership retention. Unfortunately, less than one

third of the members belong to groups. The work of the National Lodge (with over 700 members) and regional meetings address this problem.

115 lectures and workshops were

coordinated for local groups. Olcott Experience weekends were effective in increasing the number of active members in these groups.

At the Section Headquarters activities were overhauled and departments restructured, with emphasis on an expanded E-learning curriculum, to promulgate the Theosophical teachings and message. The Theosophical Publishing House produced a number of new books, such as *The Seven Human Powers* by Shirley Nicholson, *Beyond the Postmodern Mind* by Huston Smith, but will in future publish fewer titles and be more selective in the choice of publications. Graphic needs have been outsourced. An employee evaluation throughout the Section has been found useful.

The Olcott Institute organized the usual biennial School of Theosophy as well as a number of classes, running several weeks, on subjects including 'The Masters and their Letters', 'The Dhammapada', 'Introduction to Rupert Sheldrake', 'Science and Spirituality', etc. A first multi-media E-learning Course on

'I'm dead. Now what?' was produced. Public programmes were presented once a week between September and May, as well as weekend workshops, etc. The Young Theosophists met weekly at the national headquarters. Rupert Sheldrake gave the Kern lecture, attracting a large audience.

Many new audio and video presentations were produced. A Theosophical Classics CD-ROM was co-published with the Theosophical Publishing House in Manila. The Olcott Library is part of a network of Theosophical libraries. It participated in a microfilming grant under which Theosophical magazines from earlier times are now preserved on microfilm.

The periodicals *The Quest* and *The Messenger* are published every other month.

The Quest Bookshop remained profitable and attracted newcomers from the surrounding area.

Mrs Betty Bland  
National President

## REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

### AMERICA, CENTRAL

The new Organizing Secretary took office on the occasion of the Centenary of the TS in El Salvador.

Mrs Dolores Gago kindly sent us data which helped us to organize the Theosophical celebration days and arouse the interest of enquirers and new members. Mrs Terezinha Franca Kind and Mrs Magaly Polanco visited us and impressed members and visitors with their talks and their brotherly attitude.

Every Saturday study meetings were held for members and visitors, based

on books such as *A Textbook of Theosophy*, *The Ancient Wisdom*, *At the Feet of the Master*, and *The Voice of the Silence*. Study alternated with talks on, for example, 'The Common Good', 'Brotherhood', 'The Universal Religion'. The number of participants has increased, thanks to questions and answers. We have at present 24 members and about ten regular visitors.

Mrs Aura Elena Pozas de Martinez  
*Organizing Secretary*

### AUSTRIA

The work in all three Lodges (Graz, Vienna and Linz) continued as last year. In the Lodge in Graz members and friends met twice a week, while in Vienna and Linz there were meetings once a week. The subjects of the lectures and study sessions were taken from the Theosophical and esoteric philosophy and mostly

evoked a positive response.

There was no Summer School in 2002, because the members did not show enough interest in holding one.

Mr Franz Durkowitsch  
*Organizing Secretary*

### CANADA

The Canadian Regional Association is a vibrant group, although some of the Lodges and Centres have certain difficulties. A successful annual Convention was held in Montreal.

Blavatsky Lodge, Vancouver, has attracted some new members and the Lodge magazine has been restarted. Lotus Lodge in Calgary and York Lodge in Toronto are doing well but the Kalahamsa

Study Centre in Montreal is hampered by being English-speaking. Active French-speaking groups include a Centre which may soon be chartered.

It is planned to provide more study material to all the groups. The French groups in particular need support and appreciate the French articles published

in the magazine. More French documents will be provided on the web. The website receives more than 500 visitors a day and some enquirers join as a result. A toll-free telephone line is now provided.

Mr George Duguay  
*Organizing Secretary*

## CHILE

Lodge activities included the study of books such as *Talks on the Path of Occultism: Light on the Path*, *The Secret Doctrine* and *Introduction to Yoga* (Annie Besant) and some books and articles by Radha Burnier. Amor Lodge celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, collecting historical material for the occasion. Courses were held on Theosophy at different levels and also on meditation, comparative religion and, for members, 'Theosophy here and now'.

Mrs Terezinha Kind and Mr Eladio and Mrs Magaly Polanco visited Chile

and held talks and a panel on 'Inner Transformation in Daily Life', well received by the public. Some members attended events in Argentina.

The magazine *Revista Teosófica Chilena* is distributed to universities, libraries and the radio. The Order of Service is active in social service, the protection of animals and ecology, as well as world peace.

Miss Ana Gloria Bustos  
*Organizing Secretary*

## IRELAND, NORTHERN

Weekly meetings continued in a large room rented from Queen's University, Belfast. They were extended to three hours and included business matters, the distribution of literature, etc.

Most talks were given by members and

dealt with the themes of transformation and regeneration.

Membership is increasing slightly.

Mr John Doherty  
*Organizing Secretary*



## IVORY COAST

War is still raging in the country, but it was possible to keep the flame of Theosophy burning. Membership decreased, but the three Lodges continued to function and good use was made of the library. *The Key to Theosophy* was studied. Programmes centred on the

theme of peace.

The main problems are material and financial. A gift of books is expected, and these will be very welcome.

Mr Pierre-Magloire Kouahoh  
*Organizing Secretary*

## NORWAY

The International Vice-President, Dr John Algeo, gave three public talks in Bergen on 'The Ancient Wisdom in Modern Myth and Fairy Tales'. He also spoke at Bergen University and visited members in Oslo. His lectures were followed up in three informative talks by the Organizing Secretary. Interesting questions were raised, but it was not possible to form a group. However, the talks will continue.

There were no Lodge meetings, but the Organizing Secretary shared some of the Vice-President's talks with two

members at Haugesund.

The journal *Theosophen* was issued twice. From the autumn of 2003, it will appear on a new Norwegian TS website, which is being installed by Mr George Duguay, the Organizing Secretary of the Canadian Regional Association, and will be linked to university libraries.

The Organizing Secretary attended the EFTS Council Meeting and Centenary in Naarden.

Mrs Agnes Gaasemyr  
*Organizing Secretary*

## SCOTLAND

Since 1 January 2003, there has been a new team, with new officers and Regional Council members. Council meetings are held frequently and decisions are taken by consensus. A support fund was set up to aid poorer Lodges and a subscription has been taken

out to *The Theosophist* and *Adyar Newsletter* for each of the Lodges. Membership has fallen and this issue will be addressed.

A 'Celebration of Theosophy' was held with many good speakers.

International connections have been



cultivated, for example, with Ireland. The Chairman of the European Federation toured the Lodges in Scotland and Mrs Ali Ritsema from the Netherlands was the guest at the Annual Convention. Eight

Scottish members attended the European Centenary Celebrations in Naarden.

Mr Martin Lowe  
*Organizing Secretary*

## SLOVENIA

The four Lodges met weekly, studies focussing on, for example, *At the Feet of the Master* and other Theosophical books and articles from Theosophical magazines. Public talks were also held as well as courses for beginners. The Libraries were put to good use. In Ljubljana Saturday seminars were organized every month.

The subject of the Summer School was *Light on the Path* and that of the Winter School 'Theosophical Life — the Path to the Truth'.

The International Secretary visited the Lodges, participated in the Summer

School and gave talks and seminars. Four members accompanied her to Croatia, where she met and lectured to Croatian members.

A number of members from Slovenia attended the Centenary of the European Federation and the Naarden School of the Wisdom, as well as the International Convention and the School of the Wisdom in Adyar.

The magazine *Teozofska Misel* appeared quarterly.

Mrs Irena Kristan  
*Organizing Secretary*

## TOGO

The three Lodges hold regular meetings, with an average attendance of 60 per cent. They studied, for example, *At the Feet of the Master* and *In the Outer Court* and such subjects as reincarnation, numbers, initiation, etc. The Organizing Secretary spoke on 'Our Father which art in Heaven', referring, in a Christian context, to man and his bodies. The theme of another speaker was 'Reincarnation'.

Magazines received from abroad included *Le Lotus bleu* and *Theosophy*

in Australia, apart from *The Theosophist*, *Adyar Newsletter* and *The Theosophical Digest*.

The Togo Theosophical Society is running at a loss, due to the economic crisis, but it is maintained by a few dedicated older members. 70 per cent of the members are students or housewives.

Mr M. Dam Tsowu  
*Organizing Secretary*

## URUGUAY

The five Lodges in the country are active, one of them studying *The Secret Doctrine*. Workshops were organized on Greek Mythology, 'Discovering how to Live Calmly', Astrology and Ahimsa Cookery, a Round Table on 'Encounter for Peace' and a course on I Ching. These activities were open to the public. Mr Isaac Jauli spent a week lecturing in the country.

The Library was put to good use. Enquirers were welcomed and information was provided, also via the Internet and website. A friendly atmosphere prevails between members and the public.

Mrs Ema de Souza Leal  
*Organizing Secretary*

## WALES

Membership has increased slightly, particularly in North Wales, where it is hoped to form a Lodge once again. Activities continued in Cardiff with members' meetings and lectures, both for the public and for members, by Lodge members and speakers from various Lodges in England. Their subjects included 'Reincarnation', 'Celtic Wisdom and Myth', 'An Esoteric View of Luck', etc. A meditation group also meets.

Theosophy is promoted, in addition, by local advertising and, in general, thanks to the efforts and hard work of the members.

There is deep commitment to the Order of Service, with a charity bookstall, a Healing Group and regular Bowen Technique treatment for children with cerebral palsy.

Ms Mary Hillman  
*Organizing Secretary*

## PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES

### ASIA, SOUTH-EAST

In the largest Lodge in the area, Singapore Lodge, study classes on Basic Theosophy and on *The Voice of the Silence* were held. A monthly Newsletter is published. The highlight of the year was a visit and lecture by the International President. The International Secretary also visited the Lodge and gave a lecture.

The Lodge in Selangor, Malaysia, has just completed a ten-week study course on Basic Theosophy. The members are

helping to strengthen Seramban Lodge. Penang Lodge meets only periodically.

Little news is received from the Lodges in Bangladesh, except from Comilla, Kusum and Dhaka Lodges. Siam Lodge, Bangkok, will probably become dormant.

Dr C. V. Agarwal

*Presidential Representative*

### BOLIVIA (AND PARAGUAY)

A national meeting was organized on the theme 'Awakening to a new Consciousness'. All the Lodges in the same town met monthly to discuss Theosophical topics.

The Lodges all held weekly study sessions based on important Theosophical books, such as *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Mahatma Letters* and works by Dr Besant and Dr Taimni. Various study groups were organized on *The Key to Theosophy*, *At the Feet of the Master*, etc. Public lectures are also held.

Brother Isaac Jauli directed a seminar at Cochabamba on an approach to the Proem of *The Secret Doctrine* and other subjects and in addition delivered two public lectures.

Mrs Terezinha Franca Kind visited Paraguay and gave a basic course on Theosophy and later on various subjects such as human relations, karma, dying, etc., in addition to public lectures.

Mrs Teresa W. de Nuñez

*Presidential Representative*

### COSTA RICA

2003 was proclaimed the 'Year of Fraternal Unity', and indeed brotherly relations flourished between members

and Lodges. The three Lodges cooperated in presenting two Basic Theosophical Courses. Other courses were held on

*At the Feet of the Master, The Voice of the Silence, The Key to Theosophy and The Secret Doctrine*, etc. as well as various workshops, apart from weekly Lodge meetings and public meetings. An effort was made to maintain a balance between the study and practice of Theosophy. Four general members' meetings were held.

Some of the members attended the Winter School in the Argentinian Section and the meeting of the Inter-American

Federation. A visit by the President of the Federation and Mrs Magaly Polanco, who spoke to members and to the public and also helped with administrative matters, was much appreciated.

The magazine *Upasika* continued to appear. Lodge Libraries are at the disposal of members and the public on meeting days.

Ms Maria Orlich

*Presidential Representative*

## HUNGARY

The group in Budapest studied topical questions and subjects such as Karma, Reincarnation, Death and After, etc.

Monthly public lectures from October to June attracted audiences of 35 to 50. Subjects included, for example, Theosophy in Daily Life and Elements of Cosmogony. Monthly meetings were held for enquirers. A group of interested non-members met outside Budapest, and was visited monthly by the

Presidential Representative.

A volume containing several works by Dr A. Besant (on Karma, Reincarnation and Dharma) and another with texts by C. W. Leadbeater, C. Codd and G. Hodson on 'Death and After' were published in Hungarian.

Mr Thomas Martinovich

*Presidential Representative*

## IRELAND, REPUBLIC OF

There is now a second Lodge in Ireland, Limerick Lodge having been founded in September 2003.

In Dublin Lodge, 25 public meetings were held, subjects including 'Principles of Theosophical Work', 'The Life of

H. P. Blavatsky', 'The Ancient Wisdom—Wisdom of the Future?', Buddhism and the Path. Study groups are planned. Limerick Lodge held weekly study meetings, the subjects being Patañjali's *Yoga-Sutra-s*, *The Voice of the Silence*,



*The Key to Theosophy*, etc. In both Lodges, public lectures were given by Dr John Algeo, Harold Tarn and Francis O'Kelly. A study group has started in Cork.

Promotion is carried out by advertising, posters and word of mouth. A

website and an online catalogue of the Dublin Lodge Library are being prepared and a newsletter and bulletin have been produced.

Mr Derry McGrath

*Presidential Representative*

## PAKISTAN

In Karachi study classes were held weekly, except when there were (monthly) public lectures at Avari Towers, a five-star hotel. The subjects for the latter included, for example, 'Science and the Holy Quran', 'The Meaning and Method of the Spiritual Life' and 'Socrates, the Buddha of the West'. Several books were used in the study sessions, but Geoffrey Hodson's *Lecture Notes* served for reference. The history of the Society, especially the early days, also came into

focus. The Library and reading room continued to be open daily. *The Karachi Theosophist* appeared bimonthly.

News was received from Hyderabad Lodge, comprising 35 members. Study classes meet there once a week. It is planned to purchase about 250 chairs and other items for use in the Besant Hall premises.

Mr Dara Mirza

*Presidential Representative*

## PERU

The Lodges studied, for example, *The Mahatma Letters* and A. E. Powell's books, *The Astral Body* and *The Mental Body*. A new Lodge — 'Verdad' — was chartered. Public talks were held on subjects such as 'The Esoteric Basis of the Religions' and 'The Power of Thought'; there was a public course on 'Principles of Theosophical Philosophy' and a workshop on Meditation.

An audience of about 200 attended Mr Isaac Jauli's lecture on 'Family Karma and

Individual Conscience' and 46 persons attended his seminar entitled 'Learning to die well: a day-to-day Path'. In addition, he gave talks to members.

In order to improve efficiency, committees were formed to take charge of public activities and courses.

The twelfth number of the magazine *Busqueda* was published.

Mr Julio Gerardo Pomar

*Presidential Representative*



## RUSSIA

The Lodge in Magnitogorsk met once a week. A small study group is also working in English. Short seminars were held in September on 'Ancient Wisdom and Modern Life' by the Presidential Representative and on 'The Way of Perfection' by some members.

In Moscow there are four small study groups, meeting twice monthly.

Some members attended the centenary

celebration of the European Federation and the School of the Wisdom at Naarden.

The Presidential Representative spent about three months helping out at the International Theosophical Centre (ITC) in Holland and also visited the French Section Headquarters.

Mrs Nina Veligon

*Presidential Representative*

# LODGES ATTACHED TO ADYAR

## COVENANT LODGE (ISRAEL)

Morning meetings were held weekly and evening meetings every second week for members. Theosophical teachings concerning self-knowledge and various Theosophical books, such as *The Secret Doctrine* and *Practical Occultism*, were studied.

Three public meetings were organized monthly, one being in a public hall and attracting about 70 participants to hear expositions on a given subject by speakers from different backgrounds alongside the Theosophical view. The other two meetings, held in the TS premises, attracted audiences of about 20. Eight introductory courses and two meditation

courses were held. Study groups were also active. A seminar on 'Living from the Heart' drew some 230 participants. Special meetings for young people were also organized. The International Secretary gave lectures and short seminars, also in the kibbutz *Neve Shalom*, where Israelis and Arabs work together in harmony.

*A Study in Karma* was published in Hebrew. The magazine *Or* appeared regularly. The Lodge's mailing list comprises 3100 addresses.

Mr Abraham Oron  
*President*

## NIPPON AND OSAKA LODGES (JAPAN)

This has been a fruitful year for the TS work in Japan.

The International President paid a successful visit to the country in the summer. The Japanese translation of her book *No Other Path to Go* was published.

A new Lodge will possibly be founded on the Japanese sea coast and efforts

are being made to revive a formerly active Lodge.

Mrs Mitsuko Yanagida attended the session of the Australian School of Theosophy held in April as a guest of that Section.

Mr Jeff Clark  
*Coordinator*

## KOREA

No Report

## FEDERATIONS

### EUROPEAN FEDERATION

The Centenary of the Federation was celebrated at the International Theosophical Centre in Naarden, Holland, in July, the theme being 'Strengthening the Link'. The principal speakers were the International Vice-President, the International Secretary and the Federation Chairman. Nineteen countries were represented. The celebration was followed by a School of the Wisdom on 'Theosophy and Buddhism' by the Federation Chairman and the International Secretary.

The subject of the annual Seminar organized by the Federation and the

Italian Section was 'Peace, Within and Without'. A third seminar was held in Portugal. The venue of the Pays Latins Summer School was again Naarden. The undersigned held a seminar in Paris on HPB's Meditation Diagram and lectured in Belgium. She travelled frequently to the Naarden Centre, of which she was the Chairman. She attended the International Convention at Adyar in December 2002.

Miss Trần-Thi-Kim-Điêu  
Chairman

### INDO-PACIFIC FEDERATION

Educational material produced by the Australian Section was sent to Japan, Sri Lanka and Indonesia. The Federation President visited Sri Lanka in March 2003, where he gave talks, conducted a seminar and met members in Colombo and Badulla, where a youth group was formed. A Japanese member received a scholarship from the TS in Australia to attend the School of Theosophy at Springbrook Theosophical Centre in Australia, where Miss Mary Anderson gave a course on 'The Fundamentals of Theosophy'.

The International President lectured at Singapore Lodge, one of the most active in the area, in August 2003. Nippon Lodge in Japan brought out her book *No Other Path to Go* on the occasion of her visit there. The Philippine Section launched a CD-ROM 'Theosophical Classics'. The Federation is planning to bring out a Chinese edition of *At the Feet of the Master*.

Mr Pedro Oliveira  
President

## INTER-AMERICAN THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

In October 2002 a Caribbean seminar took place in Mexico, along with the triennial Federation meeting, and in July 2003 the annual meeting of the Federation was held in conjunction with an IATF International meeting in San Rafael, Argentina.

From 20 February to 26 April 2003, the IATF President lectured in ten Latin American countries, resulting in the formation of several study groups and an increase in membership. In June/July she visited a further three countries and

in August the Presidential Agent for Bolivia accompanied her to Paraguay.

Mr and Mrs Polanco lectured in Chile in July and Mr Isaac Jauli visited and spoke in five countries from mid-July to mid-August.

It is worth noting that the lecturers pay their own travelling and, if necessary, accommodation expenses.

Mrs Terezinha Franca Kind  
*President*

## PAN-AFRICAN THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

The Federation is gradually being established. A third Newsletter has been issued and the website was updated several times.

A meeting of the Federation was held during the East and Central African Section's Convention in Kitwe, Zambia, attended also by delegates from South Africa. The National Convention of the West African Section was held at Accra, Ghana, where the Headquarters building is being constructed. The South African

Section held its Convention in Pretoria. A new Centre was opened at Nelspruit. The situation in Zimbabwe makes it difficult to make any progress. However, there has been communication with enquirers in Lobatsi, Botswana, and in Masvingo, Zimbabwe, and it is hoped that Study Centres may be started there.

Mr Tom Davis  
*President*





# DIRECTORY AND MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

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(for 2003, 2004 and 2005)



## MINUTES

of the Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society held on  
Thursday, 25 December 2003, at Adyar

### P R E S E N T

Mrs Radha Burnier	<i>President (in the chair) and proxy for South Africa, Australia, Brazil, Cuba and Italy</i>
Dr John Algeo	<i>Vice-President and proxy for West Africa, Greece, Sweden, the United States and Miss Joy Mills</i>
Miss Mary Anderson	<i>Secretary and proxy for Finland, Germany, Puerto Rico, Mr Curt Berg and Miss Trân-Thi-Kim-Diêu</i>
Miss Keshwar Dastur	<i>Treasurer</i>
Mr S. Sundaram	<i>Officiating General Secretary, India</i>
Mr Tudor Jayawardene	<i>General Secretary, Sri Lanka</i>
Mr Surendra Narayan	<i>Additional Member</i>
Mr Paul Zwollo	<i>Additional Member and proxy for the Netherlands and the Philippines</i>
Mr Conrad Jamieson	<i>Additional Member and proxy for New Zealand</i>

#### *Present by invitation as Observers:*

Dr C. V. Agarwal	<i>Presidential Representative for South-East Asia</i>
Mr C. Robertson-Dunn	<i>Assistant General Secretary for Kenya</i>
Mr John Bailey	<i>England</i>
Mr D. K. Govindaraj	<i>Former Treasurer</i>

The President warmly welcomed those present.

The list of proxies was read out as recorded above. Other proxies were invalid.

## 1. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held at Adyar on 25 December 2002 had been circulated. They were confirmed.

## 2. Matters arising out of the Minutes

These were dealt with under Item 10 (discussion on Work around the World).

## 3. Confirmation of Voting

The President had nominated Mr Paul Zwollo under Rule 2(b) of the Rules and Regulations for re-election as an Additional Member of the General Council.

The results of the voting were as follows:

For	Against	Abstained	Total
32	-	-	32

Mr Paul Zwollo was declared elected Additional Member of the General Council for the years 2004, 2005 and 2006.

## 4. Report of the Non-English Publications Fund Committee

The Secretary reported that no grants were paid in the year ended 30 September 2003, but an application to print a translation of *Human Regeneration* had been received from Norway, which had later been accorded. Information and an Application Form had been sent to Indonesia at the request of Mr Matius Ali, an active young member dealing with publications. Information had also been given to Japan.

The following were appointed members of the Committee for the years 2004, 2005 and 2006:

The President  
The Vice-President  
Miss Joy Mills  
Miss Mary Anderson  
Mr Alfredo Puig

## 5. Report of the International Finance Committee

The Secretary presented the report of the International Finance Committee for the year ended 30 September 2003.

The following were appointed members of the Committee for the years 2004, 2005 and 2006:

The President	Chairman
The Vice-President	Vice-Chairman
The Treasurer of the TS	
The Secretary of the TS	

**6. Report of the Executive Committee for the year ended 30 September 2003;  
Executive Committee for 2004**

Salient points from the Minutes of the Executive Committee were presented. It was decided that in future, instead of salient points from Minutes, the President would report on matters of importance concerning the Headquarters at Adyar.

The following were appointed members of the Executive Committee for 2004:

Mrs Radha Burnier	<i>President</i>	} <i>ex officio</i>
Dr John Algeo	<i>Vice-President</i>	
Miss Keshwar Dastur	<i>Treasurer</i>	
Miss Mary Anderson	<i>Secretary</i>	
Mr Surendra Narayan	<i>General Council Member</i>	
Mr Conrad Jamieson	<i>General Council Member</i>	
Mr D. K. Govindaraj		
Mr Sriram Panchu		
Mr Arjun Gopalaratnam		

**7. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2003**

The Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2003, which had previously been circulated, were considered and adopted. The overall financial position of the Society continues to be satisfactory.

**8. Budget for the year ending 31 March 2005**

The budget for the year ending 31 March 2005, which had been previously circulated, was considered and adopted.

**9. Auditors for the year ending 31 March 2005**

Messers Fraser and Ross, Chartered Accountants, were appointed auditors of the Theosophical Society for the year ending 31 March 2005 at an increased fee of Rs.40,000/-.

**10. Work around the world**

**(a) Scotland:**

The new Organizing Secretary, Mr Martin Lowe, is now in charge and things seem to be going smoothly.

**(b) Australia:**

The President has upheld the cancellation of the Charter of Gold Coast Lodge by the Australian Section.

(c) *Greece:*

It was not possible for the Greek Section to receive the visit of the International Secretary last summer. The annual report received indicates that the six Lodges in the Section are studying Theosophy and the magazine is spreading theosophical ideas.

(d) *Portugal:*

A new General Secretary has been elected, Mr Licio Correia. The Rules of the Section should now be amended. The situation has improved to the extent that an invitation has been made to the European Federation to hold its next Congress in Portugal.

(e) *Scandinavia:*

In order to strengthen the work in Scandinavia, the Vice-President visited Norway and gave a public talk at the University of Bergen. In Sweden he attended the Summer School and also gave a public talk.

(f) *Sri Lanka:*

A request for financial assistance to renovate the Sri Lankan Section's Headquarters building in Colombo was discussed. The property is well situated and valuable; however, theosophical activities are scattered and scarce and several Lodges are inactive or weak. The General Secretary was requested to present a project and discuss it with the President.

(g) *Republic of Ireland:*

The position has improved. The foundation of a new Lodge in Limerick and the possibility of a Study Centre in Cork being officially certified give hope of growth. Mr D. McGrath, who has been responsible for those developments, has been appointed Presidential Representative.

(h) *Other areas:*

There is no news from Korea. In Togo, where a Theosophical Centre was created several years ago after some land was purchased, they have difficulty in maintaining it because of hard conditions. The Vice-President was requested to enquire whether the TS in America could assist the Puerto Rican Section by sending Spanish-speaking lecturers, as their annual report indicates almost no theosophical activity.

## 11. Any Other Business

The Council had decided some years ago that *First Principles of Theosophy* by C. Jinarajadasa should not be republished. However, recently Dr. Edi Bilimoria and Dr C. V. Agarwal had revised the work, added notes and made amendments where necessary. In view of this, and because the book is a continuing source of inspiration to many people, it was decided to republish the revised text.

